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Troops will be used if firemen obey Monday strike call

Emergency firefighting services will be provided by the Armed Forces from 9 am on Monday if 43,000 members of the Fire Brigades' Union follow yesterday's conference decision and withdraw their labour from that time. Although the Government has been determined not to sound too dramatic, Mr Rees, Home Secretary, told the Commons that people's lives and safety were the paramount considerations. He is to meet union leaders this afternoon.

30 per cent claim to be pressed

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Fire Brigades' Union decided yesterday to call an official strike of its members throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 9 am on Monday unless an acceptable offer is made by then in response to its 30 per cent pay claim.

The decision, taken by a majority of nearly two to one at the union's recalled national conference at Eastbourne, gives ministers and local authority employers six days to improve their offer to firemen, which within government guidelines.

Unless they do so the union's 43,000 members, including about 10,000 part-time firemen, will be instructed to withdraw all fire cover from the beginning of the first shift on Monday.

The vote yesterday after a three-hour debate in closed session was a severe defeat for the union's executive committee. It had proposed that negotiations should continue within the National Joint Council for Fire Brigades and that FBU leaders should report back to the membership within a few weeks".

An emotionally worded appeal by the union's general secretary, Mr Terence Parry, to consider the consequences of a strike and asking the 300 delegates whether they wanted to allow old people's homes and day centres to burn because of action in support of the pay claim was greeted with shouts of "Yes".

The local authorities' current offer to firemen provides for a [illegible] per cent increase on earnings from November 3, continuing negotiations on a formula for permanent regulation of pay and a progressive reduction of the 48-hour working week from next autumn.

The executive proposal, which included a report of that offer, was defeated with what Mr Parry acknowledged was "only a handful of votes" in support.

He said the conference decided on a card vote of 25,000 to 13,000 for a resolution proposed by Strathclyde, seconded by Merseyside and supported by 25 other brigade committees, to authorize what would be the first national strike in the union's 69 years.

Mr Parry, a senior member of the TUC General Council, said afterwards: "I am sorry but not surprised. I am as concerned as everyone else about public safety but you cannot go outside a decision taken by a majority of that size."

In a reference to reports that in the event of a strike Servicemen would be used to man fire stations, Mr Parry said he did not believe that the Armed Forces would be able to provide adequate cover. "I do not know how many troops there are, but I should have thought it was doubtful", he said.

The union's claim, if granted, would give a £20 increase on present gross weekly wage rates for a qualified fireman of £65.71.

It is calculated on the basis of the male national average weekly earnings together with an additional 10 per cent to account for firemen's special hazards and skills.

Mr Terence Parry addressing the firemen's conference.

Mr Parry was at pains to point out yesterday that the claim would advance the pay of firemen, who have a take-home pay of £46.71, in the case of a qualified married man with two children, to the level the police already enjoy if their free housing or rent allowances are taken into account. Most firemen have no subsidized housing.

The first formal opportunity the Government will have to discuss what is the gravest immediate threat to its pay policy will be at a routine meeting today of the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, at which senior FBU leaders will be present. They will have separate talks with Mr Rees, Home Secretary, immediately afterwards.

He added that during yesterday's debate it had been suggested by some delegates that "a number of members in a number of brigades" might not obey strike instructions, but it was not for him to say whether that was the case. The National Association of Fire Officers, whose members are the senior officers in fire stations, has recently drawn up a document commiting its members not to cross picket lines.

Arrangements for picketing, if any, remain to be decided, Mr Parry said. He added: "There will be a chaotic situation. We [the executive] opposed the strike resolution with everything we had. We are not in charge of the situation, I am sorry to say."

Most part-time firemen, who are retained to provide cover for rural areas and some smaller towns, are in the FBU. But a breakaway group representing more than six thousand part-timers, the Retained Fire Fighters' Union, is committed to carry on working in the event of an FBU strike.

Airport firemen, who are employed by the British Airports Authority, are not involved in the threatened action.

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Government measures to protect lives and property

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government swiftly followed the firemen's decision to strike on Monday with an announcement that the Armed Services would be used as emergency fire fighters.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, concluded his speech in a law and order debate in the House of Commons with a firm statement, kept in a low key.

Arrangements were already to hand, he said, "to protect our cities as far as possible". He added: "If necessary, troops may need to be used. In these circumstances the Government is quite clear that people's lives and safety are the paramount considerations."

Mr Rees spoke shortly after a meeting of the special cabinet committee considering industrial disputes. With the Prime Minister in the chair, the meeting apparently concluded that the firemen's strike threat could not be headed off. The Government's 10 per cent pay guideline would not be exceeded.

Arrangements were therefore begun with the Ministry of Defence; troops would work under the training and supervision of senior fire officers. In that sense, the Government is already past the contingency stage implied in Mr Rees's statement.

The committee of Cabinet ministers also, although less publicly, expressed its belated displeasure with the power workers, now in their second week of unofficial disruption. The ministers made sure reporters conveyed their welcome for the staff engineers who had got main power stations operating again.

It is understood that a sign was sought from the Cabinet by union leaders representing both the engineers and the power workers.

But it is the firemen's threat that blew up so suddenly and so seriously. Ministers hope their strike will not last long, but they accept that the decision to bring in troops could anger the more militant firemen, particularly on Merseyside and Strathclyde.

Ministers are determined to meet their duty to public safety, in so far as emergency military services can provide a skeleton fire service, and to ensure that their anti-inflation policy is not wrecked by backdoor pay deals.

Yesterday's "action group" meeting comprised a third of the Cabinet membership, including Mr Foot, Lord President of the Council, Mr Healey, Chancellor, Mr Rees, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for Energy, Mr Varley, Secretary for Industry, Mr Hattersley, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, Mr Millan, Scottish Secretary, and one officer not in the Cabinet, Mr William Price, Parliamentary Secretary in the Privy Council Office with special responsibility for political information.

In reacting to the firemen, the Government had not wished to sound too dramatic, although mention of calling out the troops has an inescapable ring. The last time it happened during a local firemen's strike was in Glasgow two years ago.

The pay issue is for the local

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Police clashing with pickets outside the Grunwick factory yesterday. Forty-two policemen were injured.

Police charge 113 after Grunwick clashes

By Robert Parker

The police charged 113 people with various offences after mass picketing outside the Grunwick film-processing laboratory in north London yesterday led to 42 policemen and scores of pickets being injured in clashes. Earlier the Home Secretary had told the Commons that 108 arrests had been made after much disorder.

Nine of the injured policemen required hospital treatment. One was detained for observation of a head injury. Eight pickets were taken to the Central Middlesex Hospital and discharged after treatment.

After the picketing, which observers said was the most violent so far in the 63-week dispute, about three thousand people marched to Willesden Green police station to protest about police behaviour.

After about an hour, during which Willesden High Road was blocked, the demonstrators were forced away by the police and there was more violence.

The strike committee says it is organizing a hunger strike by Asian women, to start on Thursday outside TUC headquarters. The women will stay there, the committee says, until the TUC gets the executives of the service unions to instruct their members to cut off water, gas and electricity to the factory.

The committee, which met after yesterday's picket, plans another national day of action in December. It will try to persuade people to stay away from work during that day.

Yesterday's picket was the third in the renewed mass campaign which started three weeks ago. The strike committee plans to carry on with weekly Monday morning mass pickets, and to get as many as possible to attend periodic days of action.

The police said about four thousand pickets were present, but Mr Jack Dromey, secretary of Brent Trades Council, who has been advising the strikers throughout, said he thought there were between eight and nine thousand.

Mr Dromey said police behaviour during the picket was "utterly appalling". He said: "It was as if the police had been let off the leash. They just went in dragging people around by the hair for no reason. I just do not see why they did it. There was nothing to gain and it provoked a lot of further trouble."

The worst violence occurred at Chapter Road, which the police blocked about 80 yards each side of the main entrance. The first serious scuffle took place when pickets from British Leyland, Birmingham, tried to get through one of the cordons.

There were again violent clashes when pickets took control of the outside of the front gate. The police recaptured their position only after fierce scuffles.

The Grunwick bus carrying workers got into the factory at 9.40 am through the back gate in Cooper Road, one approach of which had been kept clear by the police.

Later, when the bus was parked behind a public house where some pickets were drinking, it was attacked and the back windows were broken.

Mr Martin Flannery, Labour MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, said: "The violence was provoked by the show of force, by the use of mounted police, and by their hostile attitude generally to the pickets."

The Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, said the blocking of both approaches to the Chapter Road gate was illegal. Mr Jeremy Smith, the society's secretary, said their observers had been most concerned about police violence. The society is calling on the Home Secretary to inquire into police methods at Grunwick.

The Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), the union that has been representing the strikers since they walked out a year ago last August, does not support the renewed mass picketing, although it says it understands the frustration that has led to it.

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Increase in fleas a ticklish issue

By Alan Hamilton

A ticklish question is causing English health authorities to scratch their heads. The fleas that tease are multiplying at an unusual rate, and are biting at the very fabric of society.

In recent weeks there have been reports of 800 women at a Staffordshire factory getting the itch to walk out on strike; the operating theatre of a hospital at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, having to close twice in a week because of competition for the blood of both patients and doctors; and a Southampton hospital closing its physiotherapy department and a ward, besides having to disinfest all its ambulances.

Rentokil, the country's largest pest control company, reports a noticeable increase in business for its flea eradication service.

No figures for the present flea population of Britain are available, but pest control authorities agree that it has probably reached record levels after the damp summer and mild autumn.

The English flea's fecundity is being aided by a growing population of cats, many of them mangy, uncared for, and living rough in such warm corners as the heating ducts under factories and hospitals. Public spending cuts may have reduced maintenance and hygiene in some areas.

More than three quarters of all fleas infesting buildings are cat fleas, pest control authorities believe. They do not confine their activities to cats, and their ability to leap means they can easily transfer their attentions to another host. Bird fleas can also enter houses from nests in the rafters. But the human flea, once common, has been almost eradicated.

Rat fleas were once carriers of bubonic plague and typhus but, in Britain at least, the menace has been reduced to a mere irritant, for dogs, cats and humans.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals says that even the cleanest and best cared-for pets will pick up fleas, but any sign of undue scratching should be treated immediately. Rentokil says the best weapon against the household flea is the vacuum cleaner.

Journalists again halt the 'Mirror'

By Our Labour Editor

Mirror Group newspapers stopped its London printing last night in a continuing dispute on journalists' pay. It sent home 1,200 printing workers after the Daily Mirror chapel (office section) of the National Union of Journalists refused to agree to a tentative peace formula that offered normal working to allow negotiations.

About 450 journalists employed on the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, Sunday People, Sporting Life and Reveille face dismissal through having terminated their contracts of employment in the wage dispute. By today it will have cost more than 12 million copies of the newspapers. Cash losses are estimated at about £1m.

The issue is the changeover to new printing technology in Mirror Group Newspapers. Fleet Street journalists are reluctant to accept a 54 phase two pay limit, overdue since July 1.

Mirror Group journalists are claiming an overall rise of £3,000 a year to cover their house claim and the switch to job-saving technology. The management has so far offered £1,000 a year which the journalists argue is insufficient compared with the "changeover pay" negotiated with other workers.

In its ultimatum to the NUJ chapel, the company's board demanded written guarantees of seven days' uninterrupted production before re-starting negotiations.

Power workers offer to call off dispute

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Power station workers yielded to intense pressure yesterday and named three conditions on which they would be prepared to call off their work-to-rule and overtime ban from 10 pm tomorrow.

But whether the unions and management will accept the offer is uncertain because so far both parties have insisted that the dispute should be handled through official channels.

News of the power men's decision was conveyed to union leaders last night as they left talks with Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. The talks with Mr Benn are to be resumed today to discuss the new situation.

Managers and professional engineers successfully restarted three power stations yesterday by doing the power men's jobs. They were Cottam, Drax and Eggborough, which belong to the South Yorkshire and Trent Valley group.

But three others had to close: Blyth A, a 450 megawatt station; Blyth B (1,100 megawatts); and the huge Fiddlers Ferry (2,000 megawatts) on the Mersey. That left a total of 10 stations shut down, with 14 others on reduced output.

There were 15 per cent cuts at the peak period last night, better than expected, because of a combination of milder weather, consumer economies and the engineers' support.

The power workers' conditions for a return to work were:

1. The lifting of sanctions against all individuals, with payment to be made in full.

2. A guarantee that the next round of talks will include the men's three claims (travel to work allowances, better shift payments and concessionary electricity).

3. Because of dissatisfaction among power station workers, the Government should set up a tripartite inquiry into the electricity industry in which shop stewards would have the right to negotiate and to be recognized. The parties would be the Electricity Council, employees and the Government.

Hotel apology: The owner of the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, whose manager turned away Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, during a blackout apologized yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Mr Martin Payne, owner of the hotel, wrote to Mr Murray apologizing for the "disgraceful behaviour" of the manager, Lieutenant Commander Gordon Kennedy Stace.

Scottish action: More than five hundred workers at Scotland's largest power station at Longannet, Fife, walked out. Only a few management employees were running the station last night. Earlier yesterday three hundred workers walked out at two smaller stations, one in Fife and the other in Strathclyde.

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Terrorist fingerprints on message to 'Times'

By Peter Evans

The fingerprints of a wanted member of the Baader-Meinhof gang have been found on a copy of an ultimatum received at The Times about the recent hijacking to Mogadishu of a Lufthansa airliner.

The ultimatum, to Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, contained a demand for money and the release of named prisoners. "If all the prisoners are not released", it said, "and do not reach their point of destination, and the money is not delivered according to instructions within the specified time, then Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer and all the passengers and crew of the Lufthansa 737 plane, flight No 181, will be killed immediately."

The letter arrived at The Times on October 19, bearing a Mainz, West Germany, postmark and the postal date of October 14. The Times passed the letter immediately to Scotland Yard. Detectives there have now handed it to the German authorities.

Patricia Clough writes from Bonn: A special team of detectives has been set up to hunt down the 16 terrorists wanted for the kidnapping and murder of Dr Schleyer and other crimes, it was announced today.

It will comprise 30 to 50 men and will be divided into small units, each of which will search for one terrorist whose appearance, characteristics and habits they will study in the greatest detail.

It will be operated by the federal criminal office and led by Herr Jürgen Jeschke, head of the West German branch of Interpol.

Who were the first to bottle the spirit of Scotland?

For those with a taste for the original.

Raw materials costs maintain six-month fall

The cost of raw materials to industry in October dropped for the sixth successive month. Sterling's rise against the dollar helped to ease import costs, and the wholesale price index showed a drop of 1 per cent in industry's bill. But factory gate prices charged by manufacturers are still rising slightly faster than is consistent with their reduced costs Page 23

Britain has 'serious drink situation'

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, asks the public to suggest what action the Government should take against increasing drunkenness. It is time the British people faced the fact that there was a very serious drink situation. There was growing evidence of alcohol abuse by young people and of drinking at work Page 4

£112,187 damages

A factory production manager whose brain was damaged during an operation was awarded £112,187 damages in the High Court against the area health authority. His intellect is unharmed, but he can communicate only by tapping out messages in Morse code

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New arms in Soviet anniversary parade

The new Soviet T62 tanks and self-propelled howitzers were put on public show in Moscow for the first time in the vast military parade to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The military parade was followed by a civilian one of hundreds of thousands of workers, singing and shouting slogans Page 8

Merchant Navy deal

A productivity deal giving rises of 15 to 22 per cent "within the pay policy" has been signed between the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association and Canadian Pacific Ships. The association is taking a strike ballot among its members Page 2

Packer hearing ends

The Packer cricket hearing in the High Court ended yesterday in its seventh week. Mr Justice Slade hopes to deliver his judgment in "a few days", although it is expected that his deliberations will carry over to next week Page 12

New Wembley faces

The England football team manager, Ron Greenwood, has included four new players. Barnes, Coppell, Latchford and Bonds, in the party of 22 from which the team to play Italy at Wembley in the World Cup qualifying match on November 16 will be chosen Page 12

British changes in Rhodesia plan likely

Talks between British and Rhodesian officials in Salisbury indicate substantial changes will have to be made in the British White Paper setting out the settlement terms. Lord Carver, the Resident Commissioner-designate, says there is still disagreement on the transitional and final independence arrangements Page 8

CIA's Dallas secrets

Judge Sirica agreed to consider a petition to oblige the Central Intelligence Agency to publish secret papers about its investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy. The CIA protested in a Washington court that publication would jeopardize national security and embarrass sources of information. It said most material had already been disclosed Page 8

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Patient dies in theatre blackout

By a Staff Reporter

A woman aged 84 died on an operating table in a London hospital yesterday after a power cut had blacked out the theatre.

Surgeons, who had just started to stitch the woman after an exploratory operation on her bowel when the lights went out, were hampered when the emergency generators both failed.

Power was reconnected within a few minutes after a hospital official had telephoned to Eastern Electricity.

Later Mrs Valerie Bramley, deputy administrator at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, said the death could not be attributed entirely to the power cut. The woman had suffered a cardiac arrest during the operation and was resuscitated. Then she suffered another just after the blackout.

Mr Manuchehr Sabetian, a consultant surgeon, who conducted the operation, said the experience had been shattering. Unless power was guaranteed he did not think he would operate again. He said he was almost two-thirds of the way through the operation when everything went dark. In that type of surgery and with a patient of that age the anaesthetist's monitors were most important.

HOME NEWS

Productivity deal by ships' officers is breaking new ground

By Our Labour Editor

Merchant Navy officers' leaders yesterday announced a deal that gives rises of 15 to 22 per cent "within the pay policy". It has been signed with Canadian Pacific Ships and gives the £4 phase two rise backdated to June 1, plus productivity increases from October 1.

The Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association is going ahead with plans for a strike ballot aimed at winning concessions from the General Council of British Shipping. Voting papers are being sent to 38,000 members with a recommendation to endorse industrial action after the shipowners' refusal to concede more than a simple phase two settlement.

Mr John Newman, senior negotiator of the association, said yesterday that the agreement with Canadian Pacific Ships had confirmed that a self-financing productivity deal within the pay policy was feasible in the shipping industry. Other owners were still trying to mislead officers by telling them that such a solution was not possible and that they were being asked to break the pay policy, even though a government minister had said that they should look at the possibility of negotiating a self-financing productivity agreement.

The agreement with Canadian Pacific Ships, affecting 700 officers in 35 vessels, is based on savings to the company arising from the union's acceptance of new and more flexible working practices.

Productivity savings have been estimated as follows: operating with fewer fleet officers, 4½ per cent; higher levels of qualification and training, almost 2 per cent; extra responsibilities on officers taking part in "shipboard management committees", 1.2 per cent; new work practices giving improved maintenance, just over 6 per cent; other changes giving shorter turn-round times in port, 0.6 per cent.

The savings in the company's wage costs will be distributed as salary increases, which, with the phase two addition, will give rises varying from 15 to 22 per cent. Other improvements include additional seniority payments for top officers, better leave for some, and consolidation of payments for nights spent on board (captive time).

The outcome of the ballot on industrial action will not be known until early in January, because of the worldwide distribution of British shipping at any given time.

Moves to avert Civil Service pay clash

By Our Political Staff

Government plans to head off a pay clash with civil servants are to be discussed tomorrow when the Prime Minister meets Civil Service union leaders.

Civil servants have been offered a reconstituted pay research unit. The unit, which in the past has made comparisons with the private sector before recommending increases will be made more independent.

Under the proposals offered to Civil Service unions below the first division, the unit will have representatives from both sides, four independent members and a chairman. It is being suggested that the comparability tests be made public. The only difficulty is that private industry may object to disclosure of salary scales.

Strike action threatened today by the Society of Civil and Public Servants may affect customs and excise work.

Bonus talks: Representatives of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which is threatening to hold up the latest Budget measures, met Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday over a demand for a cash bonus for extra work (our Labour Staff writes). The meeting will be resumed tomorrow.

Women arrested in Belfast raids by RUC as shopkeepers get firebombing warning

Several women were arrested in raids by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in east and west Belfast yesterday in connexion with inquiries into firebomb attacks on business premises.

It is understood that the women, in their late teens or early twenties, were detained in republican areas. The RUC would not say how many women had been arrested but it was thought that at least six were being questioned last night.

The raids came after a weekend in which 16 firebombs were planted in towns throughout Northern Ireland. More than half were discovered before they exploded.

After the attacks the RUC issued a new warning to shopkeepers to step up security against the bombers, adding: "Women are believed to be mainly responsible for planting them."

The bombs found over the weekend were in articles sold by the shops attacked, such as packets of dried food and fruit, toilet rolls and boxes of dog biscuits. The RUC said: "The articles were either brought into the shops with the firebombs inside them or the devices were planted in the articles in the stores."

So far this year more than four hundred incendiary bombs have been planted in business premises, most of them in the past three months. The damage has been unofficially estimated at more than £20m.

Firemen's strike vote: There were indications last night that a majority of Northern Ireland's 500 full-time firemen will vote to join the national strike called for next Monday (Christopher Walker writes from Belfast). A final decision will not be taken until a mass meeting later this week.

In official circles it is generally agreed that the threat of a strike in Ulster poses greater potential danger than in any other part of the country. It comes at a time when the policy of the Provisional IRA is concentrated on the campaign of incendiary attacks against commercial property.

Members of the security forces have little doubt that the Provisional IRA would use the opportunity of a firemen's strike to step up those attacks. In an article published last week by the republican paper *An Phoblacht*, the Provisional IRA boasted about the effectiveness of the firebomb tactics.

The militancy of Northern Ireland firemen was demonstrated last year when they took part in an unofficial strike in support of a claim for £5-a-day danger money. The strike petered out without the men achieving their demands because the 800 part-time firemen in Ulster refused to give their support.

Again the attitude of the part-timers is in doubt. But last night a senior fire officer at one of Belfast's busiest stations said: "Firemen here and in Londonderry are even more militant than those across the water; they have every reason to be. They deserve even more money because of the dangers they have faced daily for the past eight years."

The special circumstances of Northern Ireland will make it more difficult for the Government to bring in the Army as a temporary fire-fighting force. Mr Sidney Pollock, deputy chief fire officer of the Northern Ireland Fire Authority, said: "It could be disastrous if anyone tries to bring the troops into the fire stations. Overnight the special position which our men have built up in even the most dangerous areas could be destroyed."

Government willingness to negotiate repeated

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authorities to settle, working through the national joint council. However, the Government had told the local authorities that 10 per cent increase in pay rises was the limit to be offered.

Despite the firemen's rejection, Mr Rees yesterday reiterated the Government's willingness to negotiate both a reduction in working hours in lieu of pay, to take effect next year once recruitment rose and a new formula for establishing fire service pay. The "phasing" of any further pay increase would have to be considered, however, in the light of circumstances prevailing when negotiations were concluded.

The Cabinet committee, in welcoming the engineers' intervention in power stations, had insisted it was always the practice, in unofficial disputes unsupported by any involved union, to keep the national grid going. Strikers were urged to go back to normal pay negotiations.

The ministers had originally been called to consider the miners' rejection of their productivity scheme, and their renewed demand for a rise to £135. However the committee beset with the firemen agreed apparently to wait to see what happened at Thursday's meeting between the National Union of Mineworkers and the coal board.

The Cabinet's main aim now is to ensure that the miners do not break the so-called 12-month rule, which the TUC agreed should separate principal wage settlements after the end of phase two. If the miners' executive agreed, that would put off the issue until next March.

Figures spotlight dangers of mining

By Our Labour Editor

A politically embarrassing spotlight falls on the dangers of working in the pits today with the publication of fatal and serious accident figures for coalminers. Last year, the Health and Safety Executive reports, 50 mineworkers died and 535 suffered serious injury.

That represents an improvement on the previous year and almost equals the "best" year of 1974, when only 48 men died. But that fresh statistical reminder can only add to the militants' propaganda that miners have an exceptionally arduous and dangerous job and therefore deserve exemption from the Government's pay guidelines.

The executive of the National Union of Mineworkers meets on Thursday to discuss a reply from the coal board on a 90 per cent pay claim, and evidence of fresh turmoil in the industry emerged yesterday when leaders of south Derbyshire colliers decided to ask local management to bring in a coalfield incentive scheme.

Mr Kenneth Toon, area secretary of the NUM, said: "We are not prepared to be led by the nose by militant areas who do not want the incentive scheme. Our men are losing money, and we are prepared to make a stand against people like Scargill, McGahey and the miners in Kent and South Wales.

"It may splinter the union but we want to prevent a major split down the middle and pit strikes in the fight for a 90 per cent wage rise."

It was defeat of the NCB's pit productivity proposals in a ballot last week that initiated the intense political battle being waged between right and left in the union's executive, which will come to a climax on Thursday.

Mr Toon added that miners at Donisthorpe colliery had threatened to strike within a fortnight if they did not get their own incentive scheme. "That is the feeling of our men. They just want to get on with the job and earn more money without confrontation with the Government or the coal board."

South Derbyshire's move is not unexpected. The militants will point, however, to the report of the Health and Safety Executive where Mr J. Carver, Chief Inspector of Mines and Quarries, writes: "Mother Earth resents her treasures being wrested from her and so she resists and makes manifest her resentment in the form of outbursts of coal and gas, severe strata deformation, inundations of water and the like. Man must therefore join battle with the forces of nature and pit his wits, skill, training and the resources of science against them."

Militant firemen have Flixborough and Moorgate at the back of their minds

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The strike resolution passed by a two-to-one majority at the Fire Brigade's Union conference yesterday said: "This conference agrees to commence strike action as from the day shift on Monday, November 14, 1977, in support of a wage claim based on male average earnings plus 10 per cent.

"This action to be taken in the event of failure to settle this claim in the intervening period between November 7 and 13, 1977. The strike action will be terminated upon the payment of this claim or the decision of a recalled delegates' conference."

The union's leaders were not unduly surprised that the increasing militancy among firemen over the past few years should have come to the surface in yesterday's decision to strike unless an acceptable offer to the 30 per cent claim is made.

The executive would have preferred negotiations to continue without a direct strike threat, but it has been conscious for some time that the firemen's grievance—in spite of the hazards of the job and the fact that they work a basic 48-hour week in comparison with the 40 hours worked by most employees in industry and that the gross weekly rate for a qualified fireman is £5 less than the average industrial wage—could at any time bring the union to the brink of a strike.

Firemen, like policemen, have a long and active tradition of dedicated public service.

But, unlike the police, they also have a long history of mainstream trade unionism within the TUC-affiliated FBU. Successive inquiries into the pay and conditions of firemen in relation to other groups culminated in August in a study by Lord McCarthy, who attempted to peg the job of a fireman in terms of its comparative importance to the community.

Lord McCarthy was forced to report to the National Joint Council for Fire Brigades that he was unable to fulfil the task he had been set. Instead, his report said the firemen's role should be most appropriately compared to "the generality of jobs in the community. Against a broad benchmark of this kind, discussions can take place on any special features of the qualified firemen's job".

It was on that basis that the FBU submitted its claim for a rise of £20 (about 30 per cent). The reckoning was to bring earnings up to roughly the nation's average pay for all groups, and add another 10 per cent to compensate for the special hazards and skills of the job.

The union frequently points out that disasters such as the explosion at the Flixborough chemical plant and the Moorgate Tube crash show that the skills required can be well beyond what is normally associated with a foreman's calling.

In addition, the increasing enforcement of safety legislation means that a fire officer's visit to an hotel, office or warehouse can result in a decision on which scores of lives could depend.

Activists within the FBU also say that where a policeman is killed or seriously injured on duty the result is a blaze of publicity compared with the attention given to firemen who lose their lives.

Last year's official inspector's report recorded that six firemen had been killed on duty. Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, emphasized yesterday that if the firemen's claim was met in full their earnings would compare closely with those of policemen if police rent allowances or housing subsidies were taken into account.

Limited help available from troops

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Troops have been practising fire-fighting drills since last week in case they are called on for emergency duties next Monday. But the Ministry of Defence emphasized that they could offer only a limited service, concentrating on fires in which lives were at risk.

Requests for assistance would have to come from local authorities, and all three Services would be involved. They would use their own appliances, since they are not trained in the use of modern fire-fighting equipment such as turntable ladders.

About five hundred troops took over 15 fire stations in Glasgow during a strike there in October, 1973. They answered 230 calls in four days, earning high praise from the authorities.

Eighteen months later troops were on refuse collection duties in the same city during a strike by workers. Last year some were called on, again with their own appliances, to help to fight a number of brushwood fires when firemen were overwhelmed by calls were overwhelmed by calls during the long hot summer.

Smart pace is planned for devolution Bills

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government is planning a cracking parliamentary pace for the Scotland and Wales devolution Bills, it was learnt yesterday. If the plan succeeds, the end of next week should see carried in both Bills guillotine motions on both Bills, setting a rigid timetable for all the stages in the Commons, and eventual passage.

The plan assumes opposition agreement, which will be sought tomorrow.

Each Bill would then be given one day's debate for second reading, say next Tuesday and Wednesday, with Thursday possibly given to debate on the guillotine.

A similar procedure is intended in the following week, beginning November 21, for the European elections Bill which is being published tomorrow.

The Government is confident of carrying the Scotland Bill comfortably in the Commons, but some Labour MPs are unhappy about voting for the Wales Bill, which is still widely felt to be less pressing.

The first fruits in wooing, some say buying off, recalcitrant Labour members from northern English constituencies occurs tomorrow with a statement by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. Two subsidiary boards of the National Enterprise Board are expected to be set up for the North-east and the North-west.

Lord Chancellor concerned over rape acquittals where woman was delayed

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, has expressed "great concern" over a rape case in which the two defendants were acquitted when the alleged victim was late for court earlier this year.

The woman did not reach the hearing at Birmingham Crown Court on time because the case was listed anonymously in the day's hearings. The case was headed "Regina v an accused." The men were not named because of publicity restrictions under the Sexual Offences Act.

The woman had been in the building in time but arrived in the court room a few minutes after the acquittal, while the two accused men were still in the dock. Mr Justice Donaldson said the acquittal must stand.

The woman was unable to recognize the case from the list because the defendants were not named. She had to be directed to the correct room by an official who recognized her. She complained to her MP at the time, Mr Bruce George, of Walsall, South, who asked the Lord Chancellor for an inquiry.

Information was given in court by the police that the women had gone to Spain. But that was a misunderstanding. A message from her husband to the police that his wife would be appearing in court was not passed to the officer dealing with the case.

Lord Chancellor says:

In a letter to Mr George the As a result of what happened in this case it seems that the listing of cases in this way ("R v an accused") may be unsatisfactory, and consideration is to be given to listing rape cases in future on this circuit showing the full name of the accused but no mention of the nature of the allegation against him.

The decision of the court to order that a verdict of not guilty should be entered against the accused in (this) case was, of course, judicial. As I know you will understand, I cannot, as a minister, comment on the exercise of judicial discretion in an individual case.

The circumstances of this case caused us great concern and I am grateful to you for drawing the matter to my attention in this way.

Mr George said:

I am satisfied that a thorough examination has been made and appreciate the chief constable is conveying his apologies about the police handling of this case.

This is only a small compensation for the humiliation and anger the woman quite rightly felt after the acquittal.

I do not want blood, and trust that the grievous human errors will not be repeated. I shall be writing to the Home Secretary suggesting to him how such events might be prevented.

SDLP leader is optimistic about new Ulster talks

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

With new talks between the Government and Ulster politicians due to begin later this month, Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, is optimistic about the outcome.

Interviewed on Irish radio after his party's conference, Mr Fitt said he was more optimistic than at any time since the power-sharing Executive of 1974. "I think recent pronouncements from the Official Unionists make it clear that they realize they cannot have a return to Unionist ascendancy at Stormont", he said. "Therefore they may now be prepared to look at some alternative."

The fresh round of talks will centre on the vague notion of interim devolution, a political compromise which has evolved gradually over the past 11 months but has yet to be defined in practical form.

Asked if he could see an administration involving partnership emerging from the talks, Mr Fitt replied: "I migh be taking an awful chance but would say an unqualified 'yes' I have no idea what type but know that there is a mood existing throughout all politics parties, particularly the Official Unionists and ourselves, that remote rule from London is no answer to Northern Ireland's problems."

No steamroller: Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, promised that steamroller tactics would not be used to bring Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the United Kingdom on divorce and homosexuality laws (the Press Association reports). Both were sensitive subjects arousing strong feelings, he told a chamber of commerce luncheon in Belfast yesterday.

Mr Mason said a proposal for a draft order to bring the divorce law in Ulster more into harmony with the rest of the United Kingdom would be published soon, with homosexual reform later. All interested parties would have an opportunity of expressing their views, and it would then rest with Parliament to decide.

Direct rule was not hindering normal political development but he looked forward to the day when Ulstermen would be governing Ulster in a devolved administration.

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Call for politics to be kept out of broadcasting

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A call for politics to be kept out of broadcasting came last night from Lord Annan, chairman of the committee on the future of broadcasting.

Giving the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* lecture at Edinburgh University, he said the freedom of broadcasting depended on its remaining depoliticized. For the public that meant pre-eminently good programmes, not programmes that politically minded people thought should be shown. It was becoming harder every day, he said, to reestablish the case for keeping certain areas of life from being organized politically.

The latest candidate was the arts, he said, as Mrs Renée Short's Transport House pamphlet had indicated.

"We shall become, in practice, indistinguishable from a totalitarian country unless we continue to believe that, for example, the administration of justice and the management of the media should not be controlled by bodies nominated by quasipolitical groups", he said.

Broadcasting authorities had been established to see that those who had been given, for a time, control over a public commodity exercised their franchise in the public interest.

No government could admit that a trade union could represent the public interest when it was rightly fulfilling its functions as a body to get as many jobs as possible at as high a rate of pay and under the most favourable working conditions for its members.

How could the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians put the listening public's interests first when it pursued that objective?

The claim that the authorities would be more democratic by being composed of elected officials was spurious.

The main object of having authorities was to prevent a political party from dictating to broadcasters.

The object of those who wanted another form of broadcasting commission, including mandated union members, was back-door politicizing of broadcasting.

Strikes called off

Selective strikes and a work-to-rule by Ministry of Agriculture veterinary scientists at Weybridge, Surrey, were called off last night. A meeting of the 600 staff agreed to arbitration over a London allowance.

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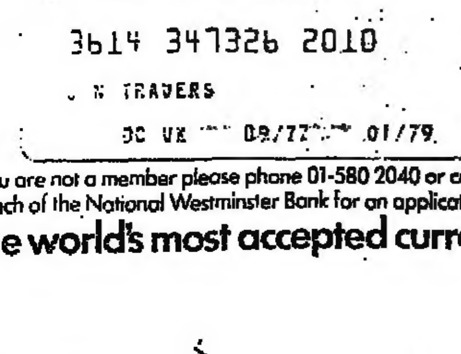

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Ex-teacher is fined over conveyance

Ronald Mileham, aged 40, a former teacher, was fined £30 with £250 costs at Huddersfield Magistrates' Court, West Yorkshire, yesterday over a house conveyance.

Mr Mileham, who runs a cut-price conveyancing company from his home in Church Street, Golcar, Huddersfield, was represented by Mr Michael Joseph, a solicitor, who is the author of the book *The Conveyancing Fraud*.

Mr Joseph said the charge was being denied because the Law Society had no right to bring a prosecution for an offence which it condoned universally. Unqualified clerks were drafting transfers daily and the Solicitors' Act, 1974, was being shamelessly and openly broken.

Mr Alastair Hill, for the Law Society, said it was not an offence for anyone to do his own conveyancing but, it was to do so for others for a fee.

He said that in January Mr Mileham arranged the purchase of a £15,000 house in Bankfield Park Avenue, Huddersfield, for Mr and Mrs Booth.

Mr Mileham advised them on the different stages of the transaction.

Mr Hill said the Act was designed to protect the public. Although unqualified clerks helped in conveyancing work, the solicitors who employed them could be held responsible if anything went wrong.

NEC presses for control over Labour's manifesto

Labour's left-wing-dominated home policy committee decided last night to put further pressure on Mr Callaghan by demanding that there should be a joint economic study group involving the national executive and Cabinet ministers.

The Prime Minister has resisted such demands in the past and is expected to do so again, but with the possibility of an election in the coming year the national executive wants to ensure that it will have firm control in the drafting of an election manifesto.

There are already a number of study groups involving national executive members and Cabinet ministers but on the crucial issue of economic strategy the Prime Minister has let the national executive pursue its own irreconcilable view while the Government chooses its own.

Mrs Barbara Castle, a former Cabinet minister, pressed the issue inside the home policy committee, and her argument was endorsed without a vote. One of the policies forwarded by the party, and which has never been accepted by the majority inside the Cabinet, is that the Government should introduce import controls as part of its economic strategy.

A Labour Party research paper before the home policy committee pointed out that the role of Government in the run-up to the preparation of a general election manifesto was crucial. But it said: "All too often, if we are not careful, options can be closed, or policies laid down, without even a whisper of consultation

"All the more important, therefore, that the Government determines to use the party's own programme as its essential point of reference when taking policy decisions and that it consults the party in advance of an effective repudiation of those policies."

Jail for miner who killed baby

John Marsden, aged 23, a miner, who was said to have struck his daughter, aged four months, with his fist because she would not stop crying, was jailed at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday for six years.

Mr Marsden, of Sydenham Street, Radford, Nottingham, denied murdering the child but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Dickens 'bores' Wykehamists

A census among the boys of Winchester College lists Charles Dickens as the most boring author, followed, in order of boredom, by Jane Austen, Shakespeare, George Eliot, Bunyan, Thomas Hardy, Chaucer, Conrad, Tolkien and Boswell.

The most boring books were *Pride and Prejudice*, *Tale of Two Cities*, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, *David Copperfield*, *The Canterbury Tales*, *Mill on the Floss*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Hard Times*, *Great Expectations*, and Boswell's *Life of Johnson*.

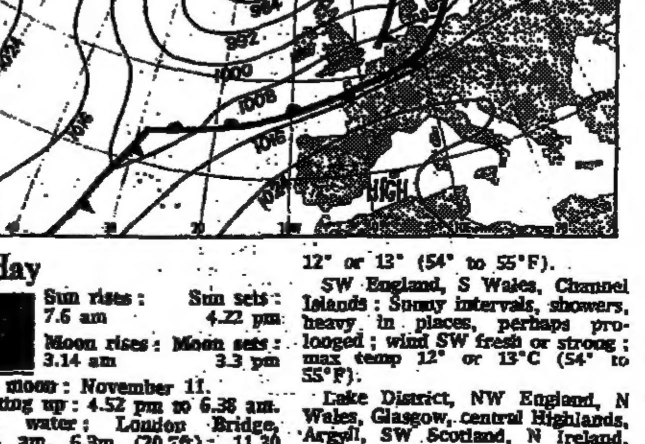
BBC TV may still face disruption

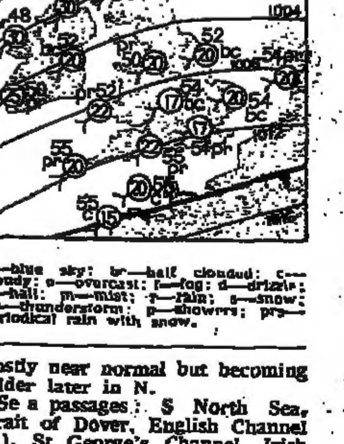
Disruption of television programmes may continue this week in spite of a statement yesterday that the BBC and its staff unions are to continue negotiations on their pay dispute.

In accordance with previous strategy, the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs refused to give an undertaking that it would not interfere with transmissions.

The ABS rejected a 10 per cent pay offer made by the BBC on October 20.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.6 am   Sun sets: 4.22 pm

Moon rises: 3.14 am   Moon sets: 3.3 pm

New moon: November 11.

Lighting up: 4.52 pm to 6.38 am.

High water: London Bridge, 10.54 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 11.30 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Avonmouth, 4.18 am, 11.4m (37.4ft); 4.37 pm, 11.9m (39.2ft). Dover, 8.16 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 8.48 pm, 6.2m (20.3ft). Hull, 3.3 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 3.48 pm, 6.7m (21.8ft). Liverpool, 8.33 am, 8.3m (27.4ft); 8.51 pm, 8.6m (28.3ft).

A deep depression to the N of Scotland will maintain a strong SW airstream across the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Midlands, Central, E, SE England: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp, 12° or 13° (54° to 55°F).

SW England, S Wales, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, showers, heavy in places, perhaps prolonged; wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F).

Lake District, NW England, N Wales, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, SW Scotland, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Showers, heavy in places, sunny intervals; wind SW fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Borders, NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals, showers, heavy in places; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers, heavy in places, bright intervals; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° to 46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing unsettled, showers or longer periods of rain, windy at times; temp mostly near normal but becoming colder later in N.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong to gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,010.0 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	f	20	68	Cologne	c	14	57	L Palmas	f	23	73	Nice	c	19	66
Amsterdm	f	18	64	Copenhgn	c	10	50	Lisbon	f	17	63	Oslo	c	11	52
Athens	c	19	66	Dublin	s	12	54	Locarno	f	13	55	Paris	f	13	55
Barcelona	s	19	66	Edinburgh	c	8	46	London	f	15	59	Reykjavik	f	1	34
Beirut	s	24	75	Florence	f	18	64	Luxembourg	c	11	52	Rome	s	21	70
Belfast	f	9	48	Funchal	c	21	70	Madrid	c	10	50	Ronldswy	f	12	54
Berlin	f	15	59	Geneva	c	10	50	Majorca	f	19	66	Stockholm	s	10	50
Biarritz	f	16	61	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Malaga	s	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Brmnghm	c	14	57	Guernsey	c	14	57	Malta	f	23	73	Venice	c	14	57
Bristol	r	14	57	Helsinki	c	8	46	Manchstr	r	12	54	Vienna	c	8	46
Brussels	f	13	55	Innsbruck	s	14	57	Moscow	c	0	32	Warsaw	s	12	54
Budapest	s	14	57	Istanbul	fog	15	59	Munich	s	15	59	Zurich	f	14	57

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr 28; Canaries, Pes 55; Denmark, Dkr 4.00; Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Frs 3.20 (inc TVA); Germany, Dmk 2.20; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire 600; Luxembourg, Lf 22; Madeira, Esc 30.00; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 22.50; Spain, Pes 50; Sweden, Skr 4.25; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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Grunwick issue will decide effectiveness of Acas, Law Lords told

y Penny Symon

If Mr George Ward, managing irector of the Grunwick film rocessing company, were to elent and give the Advisory, onciliation and Arbitration ervice Acas) the names and ddresses of his employees who re still working Acas would e prepared to conduct another quiry and report in the light f that new information, the louse of Lords Appeals Comuittee was told yesterday.

Lords Diplock, Salmon, dmund-Davies, Fraser of ullybelton and Keith were earing an appeal by Acas gainst a Court of Appeal ruling hat its recommendation of nion recognition at Grunwick as null and void.

Mr Denis Henry, QC, for cas, said it was set up under he Employment Protection ct, 1975, to combat bad indusrial relations. The Act emphaized the importance of conciliaion, and Acas, an independent, xpert, experienced and imparial body, operated in that diffiult field when the intervention y law was not always effective r productive. "This appeal ill determine just how effecive that machinery is", he aid.

Acas carried out a ballot at irunwick to find whether the orkers wanted a trade union o negotiate with their employer ver pay and conditions, and he replies were in favour of be Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Comuter Staff (Apex) doing the ob.

Grunwick took the matter to he High Court in July but alled in its action for a declartion that the Acas report ecommending recognition of Apex for the purpose of collecive bargaining was null and oid and not binding on Grunvick.

Later that month, the Court f Appeal declared void the Acas report, and held that it ad not compiled with the reuirements of the Act in that he ballot failed to take the pinions of those still at work nd took the views only of hose on strike.

Mr Henry agreed yesterday that about two thirds of the employees, those still working, fell into the category, set out in the Act, of "workers to whom the issue relates". Acas wanted to canvass their opinions but was prevented from doing so by Mr Ward's attitude. "If in time the employer relents and provides the names and addresses of workers inside the plant, then Acas would be prepared to conduct another inquiry and report in the light of the new information", he said. "This has been the position of Acas throughout; it would have preferred to report with the best information, because it took no pleasure in reporting with limited information".

Acas would have liked to get the views of the non-strikers but was obstructed by Mr Ward. "The solution we seek would give all workers the opportunity of having their views heard", Mr Henry said. "One of the paths open is for Mr Ward to apply to Acas on the basis that the circumstances had changed, and come forward with the names and addresses so Acas could then report and recommend on the basis of all the facts."

If the Court of Appeal ruling stood, he said, Acas would be able to report only at such time as Mr Ward changed his position, or when it felt that the situation at the factory had cooled sufficiently for a public meeting to be held.

Referring to the difficulty of holding such a meeting now, Mr Henry said Grunwick was too heated and the meeting might be boycotted. There was also a danger of intimidation and violence from both sides.

Strict security was in operation outside Committee Room 1 in the House of Lords. Handbags and briefcases were searched by policewomen and the few members of the public wishing to attend were searched before being allowed in the room.

The hearing, which continues today, is expected to continue until the end of this week.

Painting a brighter future: Two Belfast artists, Mr Ray McCullough, aged 24, and Mr Ernest Francis, aged 22, standing near their 55ft mural on a gable near the peace line in north Belfast. The painting is one arranged as part of a local community services programme to brighten some of the most troubled parts of the city. A community association secretary said that there was no danger that the mural would be defaced. There was so much support for them.

Literacy class helped to write benefit leaflets

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Members of an adult literacy class have been consulted by officials trying to simplify forms and leaflets used for social security benefits. The result is two new leaflets, with more to come, in which information is reduced to the minimum but stated plainly. Claimants can work out for themselves whether they are likely to qualify.

It is hoped that the leaflets will encourage applications from more of the one million people, including 600,000 pensioners, who are believed to be eligible for benefits but do not claim.

Launching the leaflets yesterday Professor David Donnison, chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, said the complexity of the scheme was its biggest single drawback. It must be a big deterrent to many people in genuine need.

The goal set in planning the new leaflets was to ensure that they explained the scheme in a way that ordinary people can understand. A feasibility study would be launched shortly to try out different ways of giving claimants a written notice showing how their benefits are worked out. The whole range of standardized letters and forms would be studied to see if they could be simplified.

Official forms have been criticized for many years as too complicated for most people. Voluntary organizations and local authorities have already produced much simplified forms to help people with claims.

The Supplementary Benefits Commission consulted representatives of the National Consumer Council, Age Concern, the Child Poverty Action Group and the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux before producing revised forms. They were then tested on consumers at a welfare rights stall at Salford, and on members of an adult literacy course. Their comments have been incorporated into the new leaflets, which cover claims to supplementary benefits by pensioners and unemployed people.

The leaflets will be available in post offices, local supplementary benefit and unemployment benefit offices before the next increase in benefits takes place on November 14. Two more leaflets explaining in more detail the supplementary benefit scheme for pensioners and others will be available later this month.

Similar methods have led to drastic revision of the combined claim form for people on low incomes who might be entitled to free milk, glasses, dental treatment and prescriptions. The combined form, introduced a year ago, was found to be too complicated and has been reduced by a third.

Gang fake accident and snatch £135,000

A gang used a fake road accident and a bogus policeman to steal £135,000 in cash and postal orders from a mail van on the Stoke-on-Trent to Stafford road yesterday.

The van was stopped by the bogus policeman near where a damaged Cortina car was blocking the road. The gang, wearing hoods and carrying pickaxe handles and an axe, dragged the two postmen from the van and tied them up.

Det Chief Supt Robert Stewart, head of Staffordshire CID thought there might be a Manchester and Liverpool connexion.

Raid in Kent: Three armed raiders escaped with 50,000 from a security van at the general post office at Rochester, Kent, yesterday. Mr Charles Aldous, aged 48, a postman, of Valley View Road, Rochester, who walked into the post office yard while the raid was taking place, said: "There were three men wearing helmets. One of them pointed his gun at me and told me to get back inside."

Tariq Ali threatened

Tariq Ali, a newspaper editor, has been threatened with death and the police have been asked to protect him, the International Marxist Group said yesterday.

SNP policy to split royal estates

From Our Correspondent
Glasgow

The Queen would have to sell farms on her Balmoral estate to the tenants and other land would go to a land commission, under proposals for land reform in an independent Scotland outlined yesterday by the Scottish National Party.

The Queen would, however, be able to keep Balmoral Castle as her home and the home farm.

The SNP asserted that it was part of its policy for the land to belong to the people of Scotland. The price of land on the royal estates, as on all other estates, would be fixed by the district valuer on existing use value.

Miss Isobel Lindsay, vice-chairman in charge of policy, said the party would encourage tenants to buy the land. She could not envisage the Royal Family being treated any differently from other landowners.

Mr Douglas Crawford, MP for Perth and East Perthshire, a part of Scotland where there are many sporting and farming estates, said the breaking up of large estates into family farm units would be not only more socially acceptable but more efficient. He described the Conservative Party's policy of selling land to the highest bidder as detrimental to Scottish farming. Control of the land should remain in Scotland and, while the SNP was not in favour of nationalization, control of the land was much more important than control of industry.

Liberal policy: Britain needs a crusade against the conditions that lead to vandalism and violence, Mrs Olive Parker, Scottish Liberal Party spokesman on social services, said in Edinburgh yesterday. She was introducing a document on the party's social policy. It said: "Why should we tolerate any longer the disgrace in our country of ghetto housing estates, the pointlessness of worklessness, with no built-in provision for increased leisure, and the hopeless poverty of so many families?"

Supervisor and company fined over fatal dive

A North Sea diving company and an Aberdeen diving supervisor were fined at Aberdeen Sheriff Court yesterday for a breach of regulations during a dive in which two divers died.

The charges arose out of an incident on November 4 last year on the drilling rig Ocean Voyager, when Mr Howard Spensley, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and Mr Charles Meehan, of New York, died while working on anchor cables of the rig.

Mr William McLeod, aged 21, a diving superintendent, of Ashley Road, Aberdeen, and K. D. Marine, which has a place of business on an on-shore installation in the Scottish sector of the North Sea, both admitted a breach of the Offshore Installations (Diving Operations) Regulations, 1974.

Mr McLeod admitted failing to comply with the regulation that stated that during a dive a stand-by diver must be immediately available to go into the sea. He was fined £25. KD Marine was fined £200 after admitting failure to ensure that regulations requiring a stand-by diver were carried out.

Mr Malcolm MacNeil, procurator fiscal, said that neither of two divers on the installation was dressed for diving, nor was there a facility for getting them into the water in an emergency. The two divers in the water had got into difficulty and were drowned.

Government asked to pay for 999 service

By Our Industrial Editor

The Post Office Corporation is asking the Government for £1.5m as reimbursement for continuing operation of the 999 emergency call telephone service to the police, fire and ambulance services.

At the same time contingency plans exist for replacing 2p coin slots in public telephone boxes with provision for a minimum 5p coin call.

Those are among points that emerged yesterday with publication of hitherto confidential evidence presented by the corporation to the government-appointed Post Office Review Committee.

On the question of emergency calls, now made free of charge from both public and private telephones, the Post Office states: "In principle, since citizens generally (and not just telephone subscribers) benefit, the community ought to reimburse the cost of the Post Office (£1.5m per annum) if it wishes the facility to continue. The Post Office is exploring with the government departments concerned the possibility of its costs being met."

The corporation also emphasizes its dissatisfaction with having to operate 77,000 public telephone call boxes in Britain, excluding 200,000 rented coin boxes on private premises, which represents one of the highest densities of public telephone boxes a square mile of any country in the world.

It discloses that a policy has been adopted of not providing a new call facility unless it will cover the annual cost of provision and maintenance, which was £285 on average in 1975. The objective for inherited call boxes was to cover losses, where they could not be reasonably withdrawn, by profits in busy locations.

Seven people remanded in bank case

Seven people charged in connexion with the Bank of Cyprus robbery last Friday were remanded at Highbury Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Robert Essex, aged 24, unemployed, of Mutbrook Street, Peckham; Peter Neophytou, aged 24, unemployed, of Arkdale Road, South Tottenham; Gabriel Neophytou, aged 22, unemployed, of Kenneth Robins House, Tottenham, and Ricky Taylor, aged 22, unemployed, of the same address, were charged with stealing 30,000 from John Paouros at the Sobell Centre, Finsbury Park, London, and using force on Maria Paouros.

Mrs Doris Taylor, aged 58, Ricky Taylor's mother, of Wellesley Road, Clacton-on-Sea, and Herbert Brown, aged 55, a window cleaner, of the same address, were both charged with dishonestly assisting in the retention of £13,830. Hassan Mehmet, aged 24, a restaurant manager, of Linford Road, Camberwell, was charged with dishonestly assisting in the retention of £4,130.

Mr Essex and the two Neophytous were remanded in custody to November 15. Mrs Taylor, Ricky Taylor, Mr Brown and Mr Mehmet were remanded to December 6 on bail.

Airport force of 1,500 is planned

The British Airports Authority is pressing ahead with plans for all airport security guards to be brought into its employment. The cost will be met out of the 80p anti-hijack levy which is to be imposed on passengers.

The total security force would number about 1,500, an official said yesterday.

Airlines at some airports employ outside firms for body and baggage searches. The idea is for the authority to take guards employed by private companies into its own force to provide common standards.

The move was put forward in the spring and the authority has already taken over the employment of about 500 people.

Staff working for security firms at Heathrow yesterday criticized the authority's intention of replacing 700 staff there with its own employees in April. Many employees of Securicor and Burns International Securities said they would not transfer to the authority because it meant lower pay and working night shifts.

Legal silence leads to complaints

From Our Own Correspondent
Edinburgh

Lack of communication between lawyer and client had been partly responsible for an increase in complaints against the Scottish legal profession, the Law Society of Scotland said yesterday. In reply to questions from the Royal Commission on Legal Services in Scotland, the society said that because the public was more aware of its rights the number of complaints had grown in recent years. That did not indicate any fall in the standards of the legal profession.

Most complaints related to delays in settling particular points of law. That was not always the solicitor's fault, since he might be dealing with an external body such as the Inland Revenue. But the society admitted that some solicitors did not appreciate that a negative report might be better than no report at all.

The society expressed anxiety about lack of vacancies in the legal profession. About twenty-five graduates who sought apprenticeships in 1976 were still without jobs.

Doctor's apology to nursing staff

Dr Terence Lawlor, the consultant psychiatrist at the centre of a strike at Normansfield mental hospital, Teddington, Greater London, in May last year apologized yesterday to nurses for implying that they had ill treated patients.

He admitted at an inquiry into affairs at the hospital that a speech he gave to the Association of Psychiatrists, in which he referred to disagreement between himself and the nursing administration over complaints from relatives concerning clothing and unexplained injuries to patients was not a fair representation of the position and would result in an inaccurate and adverse view of the nursing staff.

The hearing continues today.

Former Scotland Yard man remanded on four charges

John Kilby Groves, aged 46, a former detective chief superintendent at Scotland Yard, was remanded on bail to December 12 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with four offences, one under the Official Secrets Act, relating to the late Sir Eric Miller.

Mr Groves, of Longwood Gardens, Ilford, London, was granted bail in his own recognizance of £2,000.

The Official Secrets Act charge is that Mr Groves obtained 154 pages from a document relating to Judah Binstock, to which he had access as a person holding office under the Queen. The charge further states that he communicated the documents to Eric Merton Miller, who was not a person to whom he was authorized to communicate them.

The other charges, brought under the Prevention of Corruption Act, state that Mr Groves showed favour to Sir Eric Miller and refer to the acceptance of refreshments to a total value of £84.18 at the Churchill Hotel and the provision of a self-drive car, all as inducements or reward.

John Groves: Charged with four offences.

Soldier jailed for three years

Jeffrey Clark, aged 18, a soldier, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for three years for indecent assault and causing bodily harm on a girl of 16.

Judge Miskin, QC, the Recorder, said "nonsense" after the defence had suggested that the case could be likened to that of Guardsman Holdsworth because both had let their enthusiasm for sex overcome their normal good behaviour.

Jail sentence on carnival man

Colin Kawall, aged 26, a psychiatric nurse who was alleged to have hurled bottles and insults at policemen at the Notting Hill carnival, was jailed at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, for three weeks.

Mr Kawall, of Heath View Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, was found guilty of threatening behaviour. He was granted £200 bail after lodging notice of appeal against conviction.

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Two studies of teachers' in-service training

By Our Education Correspondent

Two research projects on the further education and training of serving teachers are being sponsored, at a cost of about 53,000, by the Department of Education and Science. Both started on October 1.

One will evaluate the development of school-based in-service training, as opposed to the traditional full-time or part-time release courses; the other will examine the Bachelor of Education (BEd) in-service degree courses, for which there has been increasing demand.

The Government's plans for an all-graduate entry into teaching by 1979 or 1980 has prompted many serving teachers with neither a BEd nor a university degree to apply fo rpart-time degree study. Nearly three quarters of the 459,000 teachers in England and Wales are not graduates.

In-service BEd degree full-time courses are available at 70 teacher training institutions; part-time courses are run at 50 institutions. Last year 560 teachers attended full-time courses, and 1,660 the first year of part-time courses.

Mr Norman Evans, research fellow at the Cambridge Institute of Education, is directing the evaluation of in-service BEd degrees. The project will last two years and will cost £23,000. Dr Ray Bolam, research fellow at the school of education, Bristol University, is directing the school-based project, which will take two and and a half years and will cost £30,000.

Pleas for hospital inquiry rejected by minister

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has decided not to hold a public inquiry into what happened when 21 elderly patients were moved from a west London hospital.

When the patients were moved from Hounslow Hospital last month nurses accused administrators of not telling patients' relatives and forcing them to leave personal possessions. Unions also protested at the way in which the patients were moved.

The patients were moved without notice from the hospital, where nurses had been staging a work-in to prevent its being closed to inpatients.

Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow Area Health Authority (Teaching) later called on Mr Ennals to hold a public inquiry. North-West Thames Regional Health Authority forwarded the request but said it felt that an inquiry was not necessary.

Mr Ennals said yesterday that Hounslow Health District Medical Committee told him each patient was fit to be moved to the West Middlesex Hospital, less than two miles away. It also told him that no patient suffered undue distress or medical deterioration as a result.

Anyone not satisfied with the area health authority's response to a complaint could refer the matter to the Parliamentary Commissioner (the Ombudsman).

HOME NEWS

Mr Ennals asks public to advise on how to combat drunkenness

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday invited the public to say what action the Government should take to combat increasing drunkenness.

Opening, in Newcastle upon Tyne, the Health Education Council's north-eastern campaign on alcoholism, he posed eight questions. Should people be allowed to drink themselves to "death or disintegration" and damage those around them, with the Government not concerning itself with personal behaviour or having a duty to seek to contain a growing ill.

Should a bigger tax on alcohol be imposed or was that unfair to sensible drinkers? Should tax policies to ensure that the price of drink remained constant in relation to income, as advocated last week by his advisory committee, be used or not?

Should the law on drinking and driving be made severer, perhaps by random brath tests, increased penalties and/or a lower limit of alcohol in the blood than the present 80 milligrams a 100 millilitres, which now incurred conviction?

Should the age at which alcohol was legally available be changed, or should there be more rigorous enforcement of the law. And what was the best way to halt the apparent increase in heavy drinking among young people?

Should a more restrictive code on advertising be introduced, presenting a less one-cided picture about drinking, especially to young people?

Finally, what sort of publicity about the angers of drinking was most effective? Should bottles be labelled, as are packets of cigarettes, with a health warning?

Mr Ennals said it was time the British people faced the fact that there was a very serious drink situation, which was growing year by year.

In the past twenty years beer consumption had increased by about half and nearly three times as much spirits and more than four times as much wine per person was being drunk. Convictions for drunkenness had doubled in the same period; convictions for driving under the influence of drink or drugs had doubled from 25,000 in 1970 to about 50,000 last year.

There was growing evidence of alcohol abuse among young people generally and there were also difficulties because of drinking while at work.

To what extent could the appalling increase in crimes of violence, hooliganism and football violence be blamed on too much drinking? There was no simple answer. It was a matter concerning the police and the courts, doctors, the family and everyone. "Is it a problem which should be tackled more vigorously by the Government?" he asked.

Call for new outlook on treatment of disabled

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Everyone concerned with the care of the disabled, particularly family doctors, should take a new view of the treatment and support of victims estimared to number over 1,500,000, the Office of Health Economics suggests in a report on physical impairment and social handicap, published yesterday.

Many facilities for the disabled are based on rehabilitation of the wounded from the two world wars, and although Britain has done much since 1945 insufficient attention has been paid to the changing pattern of disability.

Today most physical limitation occurs among people aged 50 or over. The main causes are conditions such as arthritis, stroke and bronchitis.

Medicines are of prime importance in maintenance rehabilitation, the report says. Combined with continuous health care and social support, they could help individuals to retain a personally satisfactory way of life.

Since the 1940s a wide range of products has become available, which, although they do not generally cure, do make life easier for sufferers and can reduce disability and sometimes prevent handicap. High blood pressure is now controllable and there are many more drugs for the relief of rheumatic conditions.

The report suggests that existing help is not always taken up because of ignorance of its availability and confusion about what can be done. It concludes that most people alive today will survive to face physical limitations in some form.

Physical Impairment: Social Handicap (Office of Health Economics, 162 Regent Street, London, W1. 70p).

On the beat, 2: How a bicycle allows a young man to be the eyes, nose and ears of the law

Devon village bobby fulfils an abandoned folk role among the people

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Police cars have their uses but not often in the day-to-day life of Exminster, Devon (population: more than 3,000). There, Police Constable Allan Edgcumbe's new £80 bicycle allows him truly to be the eyes, nose and ears of the law.

From the spit-and-polished toecaps of his boots to the sparkling metal pinnacle of his helmet, PC Edgcumbe, aged 24, carries on a folk role handed down from Victorian times and too often abandoned since. In Devon and Cornwall, PC Edgcumbe's Chief Constable, Mr John Alderson, has the heretical notion thet although technology is a valuable tool, more should be done to restore contact between police and public, if necessary by bringing back more village bobbies on bicycles.

Pedalling along undulating lanes, with rabbits scuttling into hedgerows, PC Edgcumbe is alert to sights, sounds and smells in a way no visiting "fireman" in a police car can ever be.

When a gun goes off in a nearby field, he automatically looks at his watch to note the time, but a farmer assures him it is only his bird scarer at work. Another farmer tells him the lambing will start very soon now. PC Edgcumbe suspects that rustling of animals takes place sometimes. The remains of the carcass of a deer from a nearby estate was found on a local waste tip.

As he wheels his bicycle along the village street, an old lady confides to him that a strange car has been left outside a pair of cottages on the outskirts of the village since 10 am. It is now nearly 3 pm We pedal to the scene. I on a 30-year-old boneshaker borrowed from a garage.

"Funny smell", PC Edgcumbe says, studying the car, which is on the narrow main road, awkwardly away from the verge. "Been there all day", a man in the garden opposite says, meaning the car. "The driver just left it and walked off."

"Funny smell", PC Edgcumbe repeats.

"That's the cess-pit", the man in the garden replies.

We push the car into the verge, clear of passing traffic. And modern technology has its uses. We check via radio with the police national computer that the car is not listed as stolen. PC Edgcumbe promises himself to make further inquiries with the tax authorities.

Time of day, or information received: PC Edgcumbe and his £80 bicycle on patrol in Exminster.

Back in the village, he sniffs the air again, says "fire" under his breath and stands on a stone wall next to a village hall for a better look. It is only someone burning rubbish, but he returns to sniff twice more and keep an eye on it as the evening wears on.

Waiting by the roadside as the Dawlish-bound cars go through the village on their way home from work, he knows many whose drivers make the same trip every day. They do not know he knows. When a van skids desperately to a halt with a shriek of tyres behind a queue of traffic round a corner, he remembers its number. "I shall ring up his boss about him. That will calm him down."

Chatting to the locals gives PC Edgcumbe a mass of information. Someone tells him about a woman driving with an out-of-date tax disc. Another woman stops her car to tell him she is worried she will run into children skateboarding in a side street. "I shall do something about it", PC Edgcumbe promises.

He has banned skateboarding from the busy main road going through the village as dangerous but is encouraging the local council to provide somewhere special for it. A councillor stops his van to talk about it.

Exminster's shortage of amenities adds to his work. In the local supermarket the shopkeeper ruefully reveals a pile of bounced cheques. As there is no bank, he helps people out by cashing about £200 a week.

When Pc Edgcumbe arrived in Exminster, where he now lives with his wife in a handsome little house, a telephone kiosk in the village had two broken windowpanes. He says: "Before you know where you are, vandalism can lead to burglary and burglary to mugging."

To give the youngsters something more to do, he started classes in karate, which he has been learning since schooldays, keeping fit for it with four-mile morning runs.

His constructive approach while tactfully asserting his authority is one way in which he won the confidence of the locals. A second was by catching a couple of thieves and stopping a spate of stealing. The victims are more than grateful.

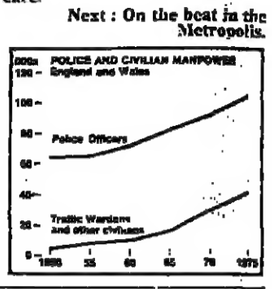
Because he lives in the village, people are encouraged to tell him their worries. On patrol that night he keeps a promise to look outside a woman's house to see if her husband's car is there. They are separated and she is frightened of what he will do if he returns.

Pc Edgcumbe also patrols outside old people's bungalows to reassure them. There are worse jobs, such as dealing with a suicide on the railway line nearby.

As the full moon stands above the old church, he shines his torch at the window of the nearby bakery. "Have a cup of tea", says one of the good ladies kneading pasties, pies and tarts by hand.

"Wouldn't say no", Pc Edgcumbe says, wondering aloud about a huge bonfire he has spotted being prepared for Guy Fawkes night. Besides, he smelt that night the first firework of the season. It is time to take care.

Next: On the beat in the Metropolis.



Police inquiry is ordered after press allegations

From Our Correspondent
Preston

A police investigation has been ordered into corruption allegations said to be contained in a dossier compiled by a provincial newspaper. An independent inquiry, ordered by the Director of Public Prosecutions, follows investigations made over six months by the *Lancashire Evening Post* at Preston and is being headed by Det Chief Supt Roy Readwin, head of Nottinghamshire CID.

The 50-page dossier is said to contain evidence of alleged corruption in some areas of local government and business circles in Lancashire.

The *Lancashire Evening Post* described its contents as deeply disturbing and reported that the police investigation would cover the possible misuse of councillors' powers, alleged false attendance claims and developments worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Warning to councils on heating

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Local authorities should never use electric heating systems to cut costs of building new homes, according to advice issued by the Department of the Environment today.

Although the capital costs of electric heating systems are generally lower than those for other fuels, any money saved should be used on increased insulation and other energy-saving devices, such as improved ventilation or system controls, it says.

The first of a series of Domestic Energy Notes prepared by a joint working party on heating and energy conservation in public sector housing says that in the past housing authorities have sometimes changed to electric heating to save money on housing schemes. The results have been unsatisfactory systems with very high running costs.

The use of electricity, the working party says, demands high levels of insulation, preferably at least double those required by the present building regulations. The extra cost of meeting the higher standard would be £150 to £200 for a two-storey house.

It estimates that although electricity is likely to remain a relatively expensive fuel it will continue to be used for space heating in as much as a tenth of new public sector dwellings.

Where it is used, outside wall areas should be kept to a minimum and windows and doors carefully designed to prevent heat loss and draughts. To overcome condensation extra ventilation should be provided in bathrooms, and the design of all dwellings should allow for indoor drying of clothes.

Advice should be given to all new tenants about their heating systems.

Domestic Energy Notes—Selection criteria for electric space and water heating systems in new dwellings (Secretary (WPHE), Room 828, Becket House, Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1; 30p plus postage).

EEC's man in Scotland collects unhappy headlines for his 'chamber of horrors'

Regional report

Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

There are some bizarre items in Mr Stanley Budd's "chamber of horrors": songbirds condemned to death by heartless legislation, iced vegetable fat, disappearing pigs, the uniform hen, a variety of mountains, ranging from coal to butter, and a lake of unwanted wine.

As representative in Scotland of the Commission of the European Communities, Mr Budd has the difficult job of defending European policies north of the border and persuading Scots that they are better off as members of the EEC.

His gentle propagation of the good European news is often confounded by newspaper reports and a wilderness of rumour supporting the opposite view. The worst and most inaccurate examples are confined to his chamber of horrors.

His "harmonization" file is crammed with cuttings from the British press. "It covers everything from lipstick to the sex life of the hop and contains more claptrap per square inch than any similar collection I have ever seen", Mr Budd complained. It covered what the writers fondly imagine to be the attempts of "Eurocrats" to impose uniform standards on everyone.

The fact is that although the pro-Europeans won a referendum they have not won the argument, and the overall image of the Community remains one of failure to agree at ministerial level coupled with pointless and irritating interference in the British way of life by meddlesome officials.

In Scotland the matter has been made more acute by a growing sense of nationalism, which underlines that, as much as any region of the Community, Scotland has a separate identity. It has its own legal system, separate educational standards, strong ties with the Commonwealth and hence a different view of Europe.

According to Mr Budd, part of the difficulty lies in the way newspapermen work and the Council of Ministers operates. The ministers make prepared statements of view that, baldly reported, led to headlines that include "veto", "deadlock", "ban", "walkout", "defeat" or "victory". There was little about the compromises, conditional agreements or settlements that followed the initial statements in the hours after newspapers and television have "gone to bed". It is not surprising that the commission has failed to win the argument when the argument is so often inaccurately presented", Mr Budd said.

There were three reasons. Emotive words stuck in the memory. Some of the reports emerging from Brussels presented the first sketch draft of an idea, which in Westminster would be stamped "confidential" and locked away, as hard policy. Then there was the real failure of the Council of Ministers to agree on policies that would mean something positive to housewives or working people.

There were some simple yardsticks to measure the benefits of membership. For every 40p Scotland paid into what might be called the Euro kitty, the country received £1. Sadly, the decision to strengthen European links coincided with rocketing inflation and food prices and a severe industrial recession.

The blame for much of that had landed unfairly on the shoulders of the EEC, which in turn has been prevented from using Community resources to achieve a series of more ambitious policies that would have given a better reflection of European unity.

The biggest and most misconstrued reason for disliking the Community had been the alleged impact on food prices, although the increase directly attributable to British membership was 1p in the pound, a fraction of the rise caused by inflation.

One recent food price rise forecast in headlines dripping with gloom stated that "£2.28 a week will be added to the food bill of the average family". What actually emerged was an increase of a third of a penny in the pound.

Assassination by headline writers, Mr Budd observed, was not unusual.

Two lively Scottish issues, North Sea oil and North Sea fishing rights, are often quoted at the commission as examples of how EEC countries wish to lay what might be called Euro-hands on British resources. Patiently the pro-Europeans point out that British oil is a British resource and, provided EEC partners are not discriminated against, pricing, extraction rates and taxation policy are entirely for the British Government.

Fisheries were more complex, but the main necessity, in the view of the commission, is conservation. International agreement on conservation could best be achieved by nine nations speaking as one. That was what the European Community sought to achieve.

Fines for 'politically motivated crimes'

From Our Correspondent
Bradford

Three men who were members of extreme right-wing organizations were each fined £200 by Bradford magistrates yesterday for smashing windows of properties belonging to immigrants and others in what were described as "politically motivated crimes".

George Wright, aged 49, of Utley, Keighley, Jack Smith, aged 41, of Wardle Crescent, Keighley, and Frederick Harris, aged 24, of Bowling Old Lane, Bradford, admitted eight offences of damage including breaking windows at the community relations council office in Bradford, at the city's Left Club and at a taxi office, a café and other properties of Asians.

Each man was ordered to pay £63 compensation. All three were stated to have suffered from some form of reprisals since the offences, one having been attacked, another having had windows broken at his home.

They denied that they had been carrying out any campaign in doing the damage but it had happened after a party when their sensibilities might well have been clouded by the amount of Polish spirit they had had to drink.

Mr Wright, who was chairman of the Yorkshire region of the National Front, was stated to have resigned office without giving up politics completely. Mr Smith, a local official of the National Front, said he had left the party. Mr Harris, a member of the British National Party, was described as a marked man who had decided to beat a retreat by leaving the area.

Mr David Clark, for the prosecution, said the three men had committed the damage, totalling £190, in the early hours of one morning in September.

9,000 urged to protest about battery bacon

Animal welfare campaigners are protesting about battery bacon.

The organization, Compassion in World Farming, claims 9,000 members and is urging them to bombard MPs with demands for legislation to end the practice of keeping piglets in cages.

Mr Peter Roberts, secretary of the organization, a farmer, said he knew at least 200 farms with caged pigs. A recent open day at the Ministry of Agriculture experimental farm at King's Lynn, which had been testing the system, was packed.

"It is horrible", he said. "To get more litters they reduce the traditional suckling period from eight weeks to two weeks, then the breeding cycle can begin again."

The group is worried about a more severe method developed in Ireland. Piglets are kept in cages from a couple of weeks old right up to slaughter.

Crash victims named

The four people who died in a five-car crash on the M8 in Renfrewshire on Sunday night were named yesterday as Mr Peter Biggart, aged 31, of Iona Road, his wife, Mary, aged 34, Mrs Elizabeth Barnes, aged 47, of Westray Avenue, and Mrs Marion McCloy, aged 39, of Oronsay Avenue, all Port Glasgow.

Councils seek money to stop land dereliction

From Ronald Kershaw
Wakefield

A call for more government aid to halt land dereliction in Yorkshire and Humberside came from the region's four county councils yesterday, after they had been told that things were still as severe as they had been in 1975, when the region had the second largest dereliction in the country, about 20,000 hectares.

After a meeting of the Strategic Conference of County Councils in Yorkshire and Humberside an official said: "One of the points to emerge in the earlier report was that more dereliction was being created than was being restored. It appears to have been borne out in West Yorkshire's statement where the time-scale for the land reclamation programme has been extended from an initial 10 years to an indeterminable time into the future. South Yorkshire's programme, too, has been increased following a survey of degraded land.

"There is a need for a more flexible approach to the classification of derelict land to meet the differing needs of the region. The emphasis within the south and west Yorkshire reclamation programmes is changing towards urban land reclamation, with priority for sites that have potential for industrial or residential use. Such sites would not necessarily qualify for derelict land grant."

Man and woman crushed to death by crane

A man and a woman were crushed to death at Crewe, Cheshire, yesterday when the jib of a 14-ton crane toppled on them.

They were Frederick Joseph Palin, aged 46, and Marilyn Robena Wright, aged 25, who lived at the same address in McNeill Avenue, Crewe.

They were collecting scrap at an old gasworks site.

School virus test

Laboratory tests for a suspected virus causing vomiting and diarrhoea were made yesterday at Sandwell, West Midlands, where nearly a hundred children were absent from Fair Tree infants' school, Yew Tree estate.

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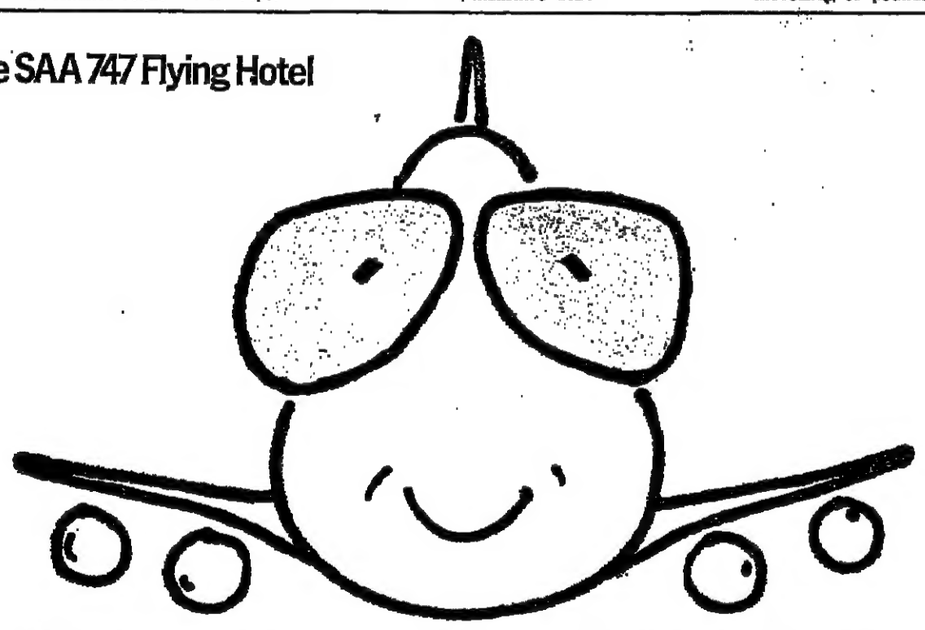

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Suddenly, the doors opposite swung open. The sister appeared. He could read nothing in her face.

"Your wife gave birth at 1.26 a.m. Mother and daughter are both doing well."

He looked at his Omega, which said 1.32.

"Are you absolutely sure?" he said.

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High level of foreign car sales can best be counteracted by UK companies producing more

House of Commons

More cars had to be produced in the United Kingdom and customers had to be offered more reliable supplies Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said when answering questions about the level of penetration of the United Kingdom market by Japanese car manufacturers. He said he was disturbed at the level of this penetration.

Mr Tom Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—In the first six months of this year no less than 75,000 units were imported into Britain from Japan, while no more than 416 units were exported from Britain to Japan. At the current rate, this represents a total importation of 150,000 units a year and the loss of 10,000 to 15,000 jobs in the British economy.

Will he give some indication that the days of pussy footing with the Japanese are over? Will he attempt to do something to deal with the marketing practices of multinational companies who refuse to allow British subsidiaries to export to Japan?

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)—There is an understanding between the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and the Japanese automobile association, renewed in September, that the level of market penetration this year will not be significantly different from that of last year.

On present figures, this is going to be difficult to achieve and I have impressed upon the Japanese Ambassador the dangers to which this gives rise.

There is no question that there would be greater employment in the United Kingdom economy and the car industry if we could produce more cars and I think that would have a general effect on the level of import penetration.

Mr Michael Shersby (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C)—In the first nine months of this year 121,000 Japanese vehicles were imported into the United Kingdom, compared to 86,000 in 1965 and 96,000 in 1976. What steps is he going to take to overcome the lethargy barrier which seems to affect British industry in exporting British cars to Japan?

Mr Dell—I am aware of these figures. British industry has attempted to develop exports to Japan, but one of the problems which exists—and I have drawn attention to it in discussions with the Japanese Government—is the barriers that are making it difficult for British and other European explorers to penetrate the Japanese market.

This does not just apply to motor cars. We have repeatedly pressed upon the Japanese authorities the importance of bringing their accounts into better balance. It is vital that they should do so because otherwise, whether from the United Kingdom, Europe or the United States, there will be a reaction.

Mr Julian Ridsdale (Harwich, C)—The level of car imports, by value, in the first nine months of this year reached nearly £1,000m and the EEC accounted for something like £500m of this. Will he please put this into balance and stop some of his backbenchers singling out Japan?

Mr Dell—The position has to be seen against the background of the overall Japanese surplus with this country and the world. I believe that a surplus of that dimension, which contrary to forecasts has been increasing, is in the long run unacceptable if the world's trading system is to be continued. That is why so much concern has to be expressed on Japanese exports, particularly motor cars.

Nevertheless, it is certainly true that the expansion of imports in motor cars has come primarily from Europe.

It is equally true that if more cars were produced in Britain this would improve both domestic market penetration and export performance.

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—How many private buyers of private cars now buy imported cars? Is this related to the availability of the British product?

Mr Dell—It is unfortunately true that well over 50 per cent of new private buyers are buying imported cars and I think a significant fact is deliveries from British manufacturers. If we are to deal with this question we have to produce more cars within the United Kingdom and offer customers more reliable supplies.

In reply to further questions Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade (Oldham, West, Lab) said: Our main concern is to ensure that production increases. In 1973 we produced 1,900,000 cars; this year and last year it looks to be about 1,300,000 cars.

Violence outside Grunwick: Home Secretary's confidence in police: troops to be used if firemen go on strike

There had been increase of 11 per cent in the number of serious offences known to the police in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year and the increase was most marked for the most worrying offences, such as violence against the person and robbery, Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said.

Mr Rees (Leeds, South, Lab), opening the third day of debate on the Loyal Address in reply to the Queen's Speech, said that the Government and House shared public concern about law and order. Crime was neither a new problem nor a national one. Previous generations had had to face it and it was an international problem.

It was important to have a rational discussion about the matter but that must be based on information and not on emotion. Mr Whitelaw, chief Opposition spokesman, had got full marks for emotion but was weak on facts when he spoke at the Conservative Party conference.

A fresh document on the prison service would be published, as well as a review of the development of criminal justice policy over the last 10 years.

It was disturbing that the number of serious offences known to the police had increased by 62 per cent in the 10 years up to the end of 1976. The rate of increase had varied and the number of sexual offences had steadily decreased for several years. They continued to do so.

At the end of September 1967, the number of police officers in England and Wales was 108,700, while three years ago their strength was 100,800. There had, therefore, been a net increase of nearly 8,000 policemen over the last three years.

Three years ago the deficiency on establishment was 12.5 per cent and now was a little over 8 per cent. That would be less but for wastage which had been increasing in recent months. So far this year there had been a loss of 722.

The recruitment rate was still, taking into account seasonal fluctuations, reasonably satisfactory, but they were replacing experienced officers with inexperienced new entrants at a rate which, if it continued for long, would have an effect on efficiency.

A growing number of young women were joining and he was glad of it. They did extraordinarily well in the training schools and did a good job, but there were some jobs they could not do as well as policemen.

The Metropolitan Police had a strength of 22,126, with 4,502 vacancies, which was nearly half the total vacancies in England and Wales. Even so, the Metropolitan Police strength was 1,500 higher than it was three years ago.

The six metropolitan county forces had gained 2,400 in three years and the non-metropolitan forces 3,815. There was a deficiency of less than 5 per cent in 24 forces and of more than 10 per cent in only four—the City, the Metropolitan Police, West Midlands and Derbyshire.

As regards police pay, one of his problems had been that there had been no negotiating machinery, and that was why the Government had set up the inquiry, under Lord Edmund-Davies, into the negotiating machinery. They must have proper negotiating arrangements which took full account of the views of all parties.

The Government agreed some time ago there should be an inquiry into the constitution of the Police Federation. Although the Government were prepared for the inquiry to proceed as soon as possible the federation wanted it to take place in a reasonably longer timescale, and he was glad to agree recently that the federation should conduct a survey of its members' views in the issues the inquiry might cover.

He had told the federation on October 27 that the Government were willing to accept the conclusions of the inquiry on pay. Although the detailed terms of reference had yet to be fixed, the inquiry would consider levels of remuneration appropriate for the police in the light of such acts as developments in the responsibility and work loads, the stresses and dangers to which the police were exposed, the need to ensure adequate police strength and the restrictions to which the police were subject.

Bearing in mind all that was said before the agreement was reached I am pleased (he said) that we have at last been able to get away from the atmosphere of the past 15 months and turn our minds in a constructive fashion to the future.

They were spending over £250m more in real terms on law and order services than in 1974. There would be an extra £9m next year, mainly for civilian support for the police to restore substantially the cuts in the police cadet scheme, to make more provision for vehicles and equipment, to assist prison manpower and extend and strengthen community service schemes.

That additional £9m was included in a much larger sum of about £50m. The balance was to cover the increasing cost of the fundamental law and order services, in particular the higher costs of police and fire operations and the running costs of courts and prisons. In addition, £5m would be available next year for capital expenditure on the police courts and prison schemes.

Therefore altogether there was an extra £55m available next year for law and order services above the real increase that had taken place in the last three years. These sums were the best possible evidence of the priority the Government gave to law and order issues.

The additional resources for the law and order programme would allow police civilian staff to rise by about 800 by about May next year. There was also provision for an increase of 1,100 in the number of cadets. A total of 900 new cadets had been taken on in 1977 and the increase should mean that about 1,600 more could be taken on in 1978.

The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis had told him that some 8,000 demonstrators were assembled outside the Grunwick factory in north London this morning, and 4,000 police officers were deployed.

There had been considerable disorder as a result of which there were 108 arrests and a number of injuries which led to nine police officers going to hospital. He had not got any figure about any people going to hospital on the picket side.

Mr Victor Goodhew (St Albans, C) said Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) on the BBC radio programme *Today* said in the course of an interview that the police were responsible for the trouble.

Did the Home Secretary repudiate that statement? (Conservative cheers.) Would the Home Secretary tell Mr Flannery that attempts to undermine public confidence in the police could only be designed to undermine law and order. It was time that stopped. (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

Mr Rees said the police had his full confidence and the confidence of the Government. He stuck to that. He would repudiate anybody who denied that. He had no sympathy for an employer who had repeatedly refused to abide by the normal process of arbitration and conciliation, or for those who latched on to this dispute as an excuse for provoking violence, and particularly violence against the police.

Mr James Marshall (Leicester, South, Lab) said he was at Grunwick in a non-violent capacity. He was appalled this morning, as a person who held the police in high regard, by the degree of violence they exhibited to many pickets, those non-violent and perhaps those violent, and at the wanton destruction of banners which were ripped and smashed. They were not being used as weapons. (Conservative interruptions.)

The Home Secretary should have a public inquiry into the violence and vandalism he saw executed by the Metropolitan Police force.

Mr Rees said the police had the most difficult job of ensuring that those who wished to picket peacefully were able to do so and those who wished to go on working could do so.

MPs had passed the new procedure for anybody who had any complaint against the police there was a proper procedure, not through the Home Secretary but direct to the commissioner. He thought it was a good idea, and he recommended it to Mr Marshall.

The historic evidence of the use of powers under the Public Order Act, 1936, was that in practice it was extremely difficult to stop at a ban on a particular march by a particular organization. In the past, pressures had led to the banning of all marches over a widening area and period of time, catching up all sorts of respectable organizations.

It might well be that the Public Order Act was in need of revision. The Government had been considering a number of points during the recess, including the giving of advance notice of processions, which had long been the practice in Northern Ireland, and that there should be greater powers to ban particular marches.

There had been suggestions that the Home Secretary should have powers to ban marches on his own evaluation, and should have to make a political decision.

If I was making a political decision (he said) I would need no advice but would be taking it on my own subjective views. These views by the Home Secretary are not necessarily the best.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—Is it not essential that in this consideration he distinguishes between politics and racialism? There must be complete freedom of speech and assembly for all parties, left, right and centre, but no such freedom for racialist parties. (Shouts of "Why not?")

Racial incitement is already a crime under the Race Relations Act. . . . There should be a ban on all marches and public meetings by the National Front since they are a self-proclaimed racialist party. Their banners at Lewisham said "The National Front is a racial front".

Mr Rees—All past experience shows that if one comes to the point of proscribing an organization it is very easy for it to change name. It is not easy to ban the new organization if it mentions nothing of racialism, but, for instance, concentrates on the EEC or some other aspect of policy.

The Attorney General, he went on, had new powers under the Race Relations Act, and the effectiveness of these would be studied.

As for race relations, he had been picketed by the National Front on Saturday and looking at the sort of people involved he felt they had to state the positive case for a multi-racial society.

This is much more difficult to do (he said) than figuring a street battle. Such battles will not resolve this problem. It will make it a great deal worse.

The morale of the police was a worrying problem but it would not be dealt with merely by pay or putting the blame on one political party or another. It was something they should all put their minds to.

The fire service was a part of law and order. The Government had set out their position last week after he had met the National Joint Council. It was explained that any settlement for firemen would have to be within the pay guidelines.

The Government recognized the long standing claim for a reduction in the 48-hour week. They would be prepared for a reduction of working hours to be negotiated. It would not be practicable to implement a reduction before the autumn of 1978 because of the need to train new firemen although preparation could begin before then.

The Government also recognized the need for establishing a formula for determing fire service pay. They welcomed the fact that the NJC was seeking to do this through established negotiating procedures.

All I would say (he continued) about the circumstances of today and the possibility of a national strike next Monday is this—we already have put in hand arrangements to protect our cities as far as possible. If the strike comes off, the Government will have no alternative but to use all possible methods to protect people's lives and if necessary troops may need to be used. In these circumstances the Government are quite clear that people's lives and safety are the paramount consideration.

The whole area of law and order was a complicated one shaped by the growing complexity of modern society and unpredictability of individual behaviour. He resented the implication that one political party had a special concern about these issues.

In the Labour manifesto for the last general election they said the party believed that law-abiding citizens were entitled to full protection and that they would strengthen and uphold the police in the exercise of their proper functions. That the Government had done, and he believed they were fulfilling their undertakings.

Exports to Japan must grow further

British exports to Japan had grown 35 per cent in sterling terms and 24 per cent in dollar terms in the first nine months of this year, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said. This was a creditable achievement, but Britain should be able to do much better. He was in touch with the Japanese about means of encouraging further imports from the United Kingdom.

Mr Roderick MacFarquhar (Belper, Lab)—While welcoming that news, there is not only a purely Japanese barrier to our exports but the British self-imposed barrier of relative ignorance of the Japanese market.

Would he urge British companies seeking seriously to penetrate that market to train at least some executives in a study of Japan and its language in the way the Japanese have studied our language and culture with successful results?

Mr Dell—Certainly, but this relative ignorance has been substantially reduced in recent years by the attempts which major and smaller British firms have made to penetrate the Japanese market.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C)—There is a good case for the use of voluntary quotas between Japan and this country in matters such as special steels which would allow us to export more to Japan and seek to reduce our level of imports to a more balanced figure.

Mr Dell—There are a number of cases already in which voluntary restraint arrangements are in existence. My own belief is that in world trade generally it will be necessary to have such arrangements to reduce the effect that aggressive export drives can otherwise have, taking account of present levels of unemployment.

Retail trading

Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade, in a written reply said that provisional results of the 1976 retail inquiry were likely to be published around the end of the year.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech. Subject: Industry and commerce.

House of Lords

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Inaugural flight to New York awaited

Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade, said, during questions on Concorde, that he knew of no moves currently being made to thwart British Airways inaugural flight into New York on November 22.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) had asked if the minister was satisfied that the Government were now fully in possession of the United Kingdom's treaty rights concerning Concorde landing rights in the United States.

Mr Davis—This is a complex matter, but, with the start of New York services on November 22 British Airways will be operating Concordes on the two routes to the United States that they currently plan.

Mr Adley—Now that the untruths and distortions of the anti-Concorde campaigners can be seen as untruths and distortions, the arbitrary imposition by the American Government of even a 16-month trial is itself an interference with our treaty rights. This would be an opportune moment to have this trial period set aside and allow British Airways to operate in accordance with our agreement with the American Government.

Mr Davis—It would be quite wrong to make premature judgments on the situation. We need to consult closely with our French partners before we make a statement on the noise-making rules.

Mr Terence Walker (Kingswood, Lab)—Is Mr Davis happy that British Airways will be able to exercise their rights in entering New York later this month? Is there any suggestion that there may yet be moves to stop Concorde going into New York?

Mr Davis—I am delighted British Airways will be making this inaugural flight on November 22. I know of no moves currently being undertaken to thwart that desirable objective.

Mr Roderick MacFarquhar (Belper, Lab)—Would Mr Davis confirm or deny reports that despite the legal breakthrough that has taken place, British Airways will not be able to operate Concorde into New York as effectively as Air France because of the insufficient training of pilots?

Mr Davis—There were difficulties at the commencement of the training programme. These are being overcome and it is hoped that British Airways will be able to operate a full service early in the new year.

Ten years required to end noisy night flights

Mr Neville Sandelson (Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Trade to announce the Government's long-term policy on restrictions on night flights at Heathrow and Gatwick.

Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary, in a written reply, said: Yes. Following the consultations I have carried out, I have decided that noisier aircraft flights at night at Heathrow and Gatwick will be phased out by equal cuts over 10 years from April 1, 1978.

I have commissioned a three-year research programme on the relationship between aircraft noise and sleep disturbance to provide a scientific basis for deciding whether quieter aircraft movements at night should also be phased out, and if not, what restrictions should be placed on them.

Meanwhile, there will be quotas for quieter aircraft movements, including non-jet movements, which will increase as the noisier quotas are reduced.

The details of the quota arrangements will be announced shortly. The present Heathrow noise insulation grant scheme will close on December 31, Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab) said.

I will consider (he added) whether any new insulation scheme is necessary in the context of decisions on airport strategy which will be discussed in the forthcoming White Paper.

He hoped the White Paper would be issued before the end of the year.

The present scheme, which was devised in 1966, was deficient and it was right that the Government should review the position afresh.

The only way to get to grips with the aircraft noise problem was to obtain a quieter aircraft. That was a long-term project.

Mr Whitelaw wants basic strategy to fight crime

Mr William Whitelaw, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Penrith and the Border, C), said in Britain and throughout the world there was increasing violence; they faced serious problems with juvenile offenders of vandalism, mugging and general lawlessness. The police who had to deal with these problems were seriously undermanned.

Some of their penal measures were just not working. Prisons were so overcrowded that they could not perform their proper role.

Our people (he said) have anxieties about increasing crime and violence which they recognize in their own neighbourhoods. If we do not accept these facts, we will not measure up to the arguments of producing positive proposals. I am convinced we can only hope to give our citizens the protection which is their right if we devise a basic strategy to combat crime.

It was true that the measures needed to carry through such a strategy would place heavy demands on national resources. This must not divert them from the need to have a strategy and make plans which they were ready to implement.

He had no intention of being dogmatic, but where they were clearly not succeeding he refused to accept that they could stand idly by because they were not broad-minded enough to admit some changes in penal arrangements had been mistaken, and some developments had not worked out as predicted.

There needed to be more effective liaison between schools, the social services, and the police in order to detect families whose internal stresses were likely to lead to trouble. The police should be supported in setting up anti-truancy and anti-vandal task forces, and encouraged in their valuable community relations work.

They were failing to encourage children and young people in many excellent voluntary groups in society. In recent years, there had been too much indifference and scepticism about the use of such groups. The Government had not been sufficiently active in changing this attitude.

These organizations were subject to endless bureaucratic delays in obtaining small sums of money in grant from central and local government. The Government should encourage local authorities to allow the use of schools at advantageous terms, instead of steadily increasing charges.

The Government paid no attention when he advocated an independent inquiry into police pay in July. Now that they had such an inquiry, it should act with urgency in ensuring that police officers were properly rewarded.

At the end of August, the total strength of the police force fell by more than 100 officers. Recruits were no adequate substitute for the loss of experienced officers.

The democratic right to take part in marches should be upheld; and peaceful picketing was legal. But recently that had been abused through deliberate provocation and retaliation.

No one could pretend that the scenes at Grunwick could be regarded as peaceful picketing. Such abuses must be firmly dealt with.

Whether it was the extreme right or left that used violence to further their political ends there must be no double standards in dealing with them. The activities of the Government and the position of the Government must be even handed as between different organizations.

Punishment by the courts must not only fit the crime but the type of offender as well. Those who administered the law must have as wide a range of sentences as possible.

It was profoundly depressing to hear of young offenders moving into a continuing life of crime from suspended prison sentences, detention centres, borstals and to prison. It would be wrong to exaggerate the figures and in principle such failures should not deter the courts from the general use of non-custodial sentences nor from the development of the valuable community service orders which were introduced by the last Conservative Government.

The Opposition accepted fully and supported the philosophy of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, that where possible offenders should be dealt with without being given custodial sentences, provided they were properly supervised.

But I am certain (he went on) that unless the Government are prepared to accept that a minority of hardened young thugs, who openly laugh at and thumb their noses at the whole working of the juvenile courts, must be committed to secure accommodation, then the general public will lose complete confidence in the whole system.

Magistrates, police, and many young people connected with young offenders were all deeply disturbed at the present position.

There should be short sharp custodial sentences for such offenders. He agreed that he had earlier compared such treatment with the "glasshouse". Those who had experienced treatment in the glasshouse were determined never to return. He had had many letters of support for his proposal including some from those who had experienced such treatment and who believed they benefited from it.

Those who condemned this suggestion because it involved going back to older forms of punishment must either accept that they were going to do nothing about the cases which they were failing to treat today or say what their alternative was.

The Government must plan to remove from prison those who could and should be dealt with elsewhere. For example, the mentally abnormal should be accommodated on a secure basis in mental hospitals. Alcoholics should be treated in detoxification centres. They must seek to cut down the number of those awaiting trial.

This week they had seen the danger of relying on easier bail as a solution of the problem. There was a danger if Parliament implemented the Bail Act as it stood that there would be problems concerning the safety of their fellow citizens. He hoped the Act would not be implemented until they had established the extent of bail abuse.

We are determined (he said) that after the next election the Conservative Government will be ready to meet the challenge of rising crime, lawlessness and violence which threatens the whole basis of our democratic society. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Peter Doig (Dundee, West, Lab) said the people were rapidly losing faith in law and order. The present system of fines and prison sentences were no longer an effective deterrent. They had to find new methods. For a start they must restore capital punishment. The number of victims of murder had risen steadily over a considerable period.

The courts should be empowered to impose sentences for convicted criminals to be treated by the methods they used themselves and with the degree of violence they used on their victims. Was it too much to ask that someone who had used a shotgun should get the same treatment? Should not someone who threw acid in another person's face get the same treatment? Would it not be a good idea to put convicted bombers inside a building and throw in a bomb?

Like the public, he was convinced that if these people knew they were liable to get through a court the treatment they had meted out to others many of them would be deterred.

Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, L) said more extensive use could be made of the more enlightened systems of punishment used in Scandinavia and Holland. There were far too many people in prison, including drunks and debtors who got no benefit from it.

There should be more experimentation with weekend detention centres and attendance centres. He did not believe, however, that there was a lot of cosseting in prisons, despite what some people said.

Mr William Craig (Belfast, East, Vanguard) said MPs must address themselves to the root of the problem, the decline in the moral attitude of the community to authority. Only when this question was faced would they solve the problem. The attitude to the law generally was a particular responsibility of Parliament. If MPs did not shape public opinion who else was going to give the lead?

Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said that the House was too complacent about the explosion of violent crime. Crimes of violence had more than trebled in the past 10 years. Last year crimes of violence against people increased 10 times as much as the increase in other crimes, and crimes of damage to property increased nearly 20 times as much. There were record numbers of crimes, prisoners, cases awaiting trial and crimes reported but not cleared up.

There should be much firmer sentences for crimes of violence and magistrates should be given powers to lock up offenders, particularly young offenders, in glass-house conditions with short, sharp discipline and control. There should be a substantial use of community work centres under effective attendance centres.

Unpaid fines were a national scandal, and probation was rather a reward than a punishment. He despaired of altering attitudes until corporal punishment had been legalized.

Let us (he continued) restore the balance and bring back the birch for the muggers, vandals and hooligans.

Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby North, Lab) said a march which was designed to be provocative, which could be seen to be provocative and which went through areas where it would cause the deepest undercurrents of strain should be prevented by use of the Public Order Act. An error of judgment was made at Lewisham in not banning the march there. The right of peaceful assembly should be protected, but the right to harass, provoke or terrify by an intimidating march was something else.

It was a major omission from the Queen's Speech not to refer to a possible review of the law on picketing.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury S, C) said on the international scene they were facing hijackings and terror on an increasing scale and on the local domestic scene the number of muggings and thefts was reaching the scale where ordinary people were very frightened.

While crime was rising police numbers were falling. While terrorism was increasing the special branch was having to withdraw its officers from many ports of entry.

The police were undermanned and overworked and their morale was low. Many were leaving the service because they were not able to make ends meet on their present pay.

Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and Tamworth, Lab) said he was not a softie with regard to criminals and he recognized that there were many unpleasant and dangerous people in prison. But there were many people inside who were there in unacceptable conditions, sometimes three to a cell and sometimes confined in cells for 15 to 20 hours a day.

Mr Roger Sims (Bromley, Chislehurst, C) said that to prevent or limit crime they must nip it in the bud. If it was important to deal with young offenders of 10 or 11 it was equally important to deal with those aged eight or nine. At present unless the social worker could prove that these children came from a particularly disturbed or broken background and so could be made the subject of a care order there was no way they could be brought before the court.

Children were becoming more grown up at a younger age. It must be in the interests of society and the children seriously to consider lowering the age of criminal responsibility. This was not the backward step it might on the face of it appear to be. A lot could be done to prevent children growing up as criminals.

Mr Edward Gardner (South Fylde, C) said that the effective way to deal with those who broke the law was to punish them and this view had been advocated by some, including him, for years. The public had been steady in this view, too. The study committee on which he had served felt that wherever possible the best punishment for a person going to prison for the first time was a short, sharp term. But this must include the kind of discipline which was absent at present.

Minister defends use of export guarantee sanction

The Government had not gone beyond their authority in imposing export credit sanctions against firms who breached the guidelines for pay settlements, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said. There had been no abuse of authority in making such decisions, which were taken in the national interest and within the provisions of Section 2 of the Export Guarantee Act.

Mr Tom Arnold (Hazel Grove, C) had asked how many applications for export credit guarantees had recently been refused for failing to comply with the Government's pay policy.

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)—The Government have made it clear on a number of occasions that compliance with the Government's guidelines on pay may be a factor in the consideration of applications for export credit support under Section 2 of the 1975 Export Guarantees Act.

After careful consideration and following prior advice to Mackies, I decided not to offer cover in respect of two applications.

Mr Arnold—Is it not the case that with Mackies Mr Dell was employing an improper use of his generally accepted powers in circumstances where no subsequent action was taken against the Ford Motor car company for breaching pay guidelines?

What assurances can British industry now have that that kind of arbitrary step will not be repeated?

Mr Dell—I do not accept that it was improper use of Section 2 of that Act, which permits me to make a judgment in the national interest in respect of particular guarantees asked for. It has been made clear that this is one action the Government may take, if in their judgment the national interest is imperilled by particular pay settlements.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)—What did Mackies do wrong that the Ford Motor Company did not? Mr Dell—Ford, as far as I know, had no application to me under Section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act. In any case there is the difference between a settlement of 12 per cent and one of 22 per cent.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab)—Is it not the case that there is no law, no statute, which gives the Government any authority to make trade unionists or employees obey their wishes in this connexion?

What has happened is punitive action being taken against some and not others when we know that over the last two years everything the Government have done on wages and incomes has been proved wrong? Why should they penalize people now? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Dell—He says there is no law on this. There is law; there is Section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act.

Mr John Nott, Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C)—Is not this the most disgraceful use of the Government' discretion? (Conservative cheers.) Is the only policy the Government are to follow is one of might is right? Is it really the case that the Government are only going to take their discretion against the interests of the companies, and the country, where the company is small or medium size and with larger institutions, whether in the public or private sector, the Government will turn a blind eye to the breach of their so-called rule?

Mr Dell—The Government are doing all they can to ensure that their pay guidelines are successful and they will continue so to do.

I notice that the Opposition has recently been complaining about the lack of support given by the then Opposition to them in difficult circumstances in late 1973-74. I suggest they should consider whether it is not up to them now to give the Government support in maintaining their counterinflation policy.

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—Is it not a fact that the Government have simply used perfectly legal sanctions to support their pay policy? (Conservative laughter.) Anyone in this House who cares to see the rate of inflation brought down will support the Government in using whatever sanctions they have available.

Would Mr Dell confirm that any firm able to afford to pay its employees more than 10 per cent does not need my money or that of the British taxpayers to bail out its British exports.

Mr Dell.—He is right in saying that it was a perfectly proper use of the legal powers which the Secretary of State has under Section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Why does Mr Dell stand by the criteria, as seemingly he does, that it is right to bully firms into trying not to pay wage increases of a minor kind similar to those in Northern Ireland while at the same time they refuse to bully firms who are putting up prices by 15 to 18 per cent—even now—and refuse to take any action against the chairman of Wedgwood who has increased his salary from £75,000 in 1975 to £113,000 this year, at a time when the rest of the workforce has been under an incomes policy? Why does he not tackle it in that fashion?

Mr Dell—It is perfectly right for the Government to use all the powers they have to secure the success of the 10 per cent pay guidelines. If they do not achieve that success then the rate of inflation, instead of going down, will go up and that would be contrary to the interests of this country.

Mr Nott—If the Secretary of State wishes to publish legislation to control their pay norm then that is something for the House of Commons, but export credit was never intended to be used as a sanction. If the Government wish to have sanctions why do they not come to the House of Commons for them in the proper way instead of abusing their authority and discretion in this way?

Mr Dell—There is no question of an abuse of authority. (Conservative protests.) Section 2 of the Act permits the Secretary of State for Trade to make a judgment on the national interest. It seems to me clear that a judgment of the national interest includes the inflationary effects of certain settlements and it is in consideration of that, among other aspects of this matter, that led me to the conclusion I came to.

Sir Harold Wilson asked to make statement on MI5 story

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C) said that immediately before the summer recess he had raised in debate allegations by Sir Harold Wilson against MI5 and the claim by Mr Chapman Pincher in the *Daily Express* that listening devices had been planted in No 10 Downing Street. The Prime Minister had made an inadequate statement.

Since Sir Harold's allegations first appeared in *The Observer* in July there had not been any denial from him that he did, in fact, give the press the story they had printed.

So we must assume (he said) that he accepts that he has been accurately reported.

Allegations included one that MI5 was incompetent and politically biased and newspapers had reported Sir Harold as saying that the head of MI5 had told him there was a disaffected faction of extreme right-wing views inside the service and that he (Sir Harold) believed the service contained a faction sympathetic to the Rhodesian and South African authorities.

The accusations must have been highly damaging to the morale and consequently to the efficiency of the security services. Statements of the kind attributed to the former Prime Minister should never have been made in public, let alone by an ex-Prime Minister who only a short time before had direct responsibility for the security services.

The allegations by the former Prime Minister were too close to be forgotten or swept under the carpet by the statement issued from No 10 Downing Street on August 23.

The report in *The Observer* of August 28 headlined "Sir Harold accuses MI5 Mafia", and its introductory words, gave the impression that the former Prime Minister was renewing his attack on MI5. In effect he appeared to have been repeating an accusation even after the denial from No 10

The statement from No 10 Downing Street was to the effect that Sir Harold was talking nonsense. There could seldom have been such a sharp wrap over the knuckles by a new Prime Minister to a former Prime Minister of the same party. It was surprising that so little attention had been paid to it.

It was in effect a statement that the former Prime Minister was unable to hold the job he had held as the minister responsible for the security services. Another statement was needed from the Government, and the right person to make it was the Prime Minister.

Did the former Prime Minister tell the present Prime Minister of his anxieties about the security service before he spoke to the two journalists who subsequently gave their report to *The Observer*? Did the present Prime Minister discuss with the former Prime Minister these accusations, after they had appeared in the press? Was it correct that Sir Harold did give these interviews to the two journalists? Was it right that he made the initial approach which led to the interviews? Did he give his approval for publication? Why did not the "D" Notice system operate to protect the security service?

If Sir Harold did give those interviews did not that amount to a breach of the Official Secrets Act? Did the Prime Minister propose to refer the matter to the Attorney General?

In addition there were questions for Sir Harold to answer. Did he agree with the Prime Minister's statement from No 10 Downing Street? Did his statement about an alleged MI5 Mafia amount to a repudiation of that statement? If he had anxieties about MI5 when he was Prime Minister, why did he not try to remedy the situation at the time?

He hoped Sir Harold would find some opportunity to come to the House and make a full statement, making it clear that he withdrew his allegations against MI5 and that he accepted the Downing Street statement.

Mr Bruce George (Walsall, South, Lab) said the security industry should be regulated to eliminate the inefficient and to get rid of those in the industry who had committed serious crimes.

Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) said he hoped a future Conservative Government would restore hanging for an experimental period of 10 years to see if it had some effect on the appalling rise in murders.

Mr William Rees-Davies (Isle of Thanet, C) said they should end the present situation where large numbers of militant trade unionists could hold the people to ransom. The law should be changed to ensure that in factories workers had the right peacefully to persuade other workers that they should strike. A right of assembly within the factory should be given.

Mr Angus Maude, for the Opposition (Stratford-on-Avon, C), said the Home Secretary's speech did not suggest that the Government had a strategy. The Opposition were not saying that they expected the Government to spend at once all the money that would be needed. They were prepared for a long-term programme but thought they were entitled to ask the Government to say what their long-term programme was.

The whole question of the treatment of the first offender needed a great deal of urgent thought and there was no indication that the Government had been giving it this kind of thought. The suspended sentence provisions of the law were in the opinion of a great many people a failure.

Unless (he said) we can somehow get a short, sharp deterrent sentence which will teach him not just something about his responsibilities to the community and the value and importance of discipline but will deter him from trying to repeat the experience we shall never deal with the question of the first offender at all.

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab), said the concept of the short sharp shock had been spoken about, primarily by the Opposition. The best method of preventing further crime was so to tailor the present regime as to gear the man's stay inside prison that he was prepared for the gap which he would have to bridge to get back to his family and constructive work.

If they ever surrendered that to so-called harshness and "giving them a taste of the medicine" they would be storing up trouble for themselves because there would be increased recidivism.

It was hoped that the Davies inquiry would deal with its work with considerable dispatch. The negotiating machinery review was in progress but no deadline had been imposed. It was hoped to announce the names of further members as quickly as possible.

It would consider the construction of the Police Federation, which was a longer term study. On the Government's attitude to implementation they were committed to accepting the recommendations on pay but the Government only reserved the right to consider the phasing of the implementation.

The debate was adjourned.

House adjourned, 10.30 pm.

WEST EUROPE

Carrillo party gives the lie to Tass report

From William Chislett
Madrid, Nov 7

The Spanish Communist Party today rejected a statement from Tass about the failure of Señor Carrillo, the party's leader, to speak at the Kremlin during the sixtieth anniversary of the October Revolution. Tass said it was because he arrived late, but the party maintained that he was invited to speak and then banned.

The Tass version, based on an interview with Mr Victor Afasiev, the editor of *Pravda*, was yet another sign of the rift between Moscow and the Spanish "Eurocommunist" party. The Soviet news agency's statement was tantamount to calling Señor Carrillo a liar.

In its reply, the Spanish party limited itself to listing chronologically what happened. It said that Señor Carrillo and other members had originally told Moscow they would be able to go only for the end of the celebrations because of other commitments.

However, after a delegation from Moscow arrived, including the *Pravda* editor to tell the Spanish party that Señor Carrillo was invited to speak on the understanding that his presence was requested from the beginning, the party changed its timetable and agreed.

Señor Carrillo was then invited to prepare a speech lasting between "five and seven" minutes—and he handed it in to be translated on arrival in Moscow. The party had by then told Moscow that he would arrive late as he had to attend the congress of the Catalan Communist Party. The statement added that the Spanish knew the speech was transmitted but that Señor Carrillo was not called to speak.

It added that the offer made to Señor Carrillo to speak at another meeting or outside Moscow was "inconsiderate".

Señor Enrique Lister, Señor Carrillo's rival as secretary general of the Spanish Workers' Communist Party returned to Madrid this evening after 38 years in exile.

Italian gang kidnap duke for £6m ransom

Rome, Nov 7.—A gang of armed masked men kidnapped a wealthy Italian nobleman, Duke Massimiliano Grazioli, as he was touring his estates on the outskirts of Rome today, police said.

A few hours later his family reported receiving a telephoned demand for a 10,000m lire (about £6.2m) ransom if the duke was not to be killed.

The duke, aged 66, was driving to his offices in a castle on the estate when a car blocked his path.

Three men carrying pistols jumped out. Two of them forced their way into his car and drove off with him.

The duke devoted most of his time to running his lands north of Rome, where he raised horses. He lived in the family palace a few blocks from Piazza Venezia, i nthe heart of Rome. —AP.

Poor relation among the armed services is finding it increasingly difficult to meet all its commitments

France's navy fights to stay afloat

From Ian Murray
Paris, Nov 7

Twenty-one guns thundered out in salute across the wide bay of Brest this morning as President Giscard d'Estaing climbed on board the helicopter carrier Jeanne d'Arc after a review of the Atlantic squadron anchored there. As the crews roared out "Vive la République" seven times and the tricolours and pennants streamed in the breeze, it should have been a proud moment for France.

Behind all the show and pomp, however, lay the unpleasant truth that the French Navy is the poor relation of the armed services. It was because the Defence Ministry budget is in danger of being turned down when it is debated on Wednesday that brought the President to Brest.

The national assembly's defence committee has already rejected the budget estimate and has told M Bourges, the Defence Minister, that it is above all concerned by the decision to cancel the building of a sixth nuclear submarine to increase France's deterrent force.

However strong the nuclear submarine force is, nothing can disguise the fact that France's conventional surface fleet is aging rapidly and becoming increasingly unable to be relied on to meet its commitments. It was built largely during the early 1950s, with generous American help. For every 30,000 tons built, the United States aid paid for 20,000 tons.

The fleet, however, is now nearing the end of its 30-year life expectancy and has to be replaced quickly if France is not to run the risk of being equipped with an obsolete navy by the 1980s. This means that 12,000 tons of warship should be built each year from now on to bring the fleet up to the levels laid down in the "blue plan", put forward in 1972. The plan would have given France a fleet of 155 ships with a total displacement of 278,000 tons.

The "blue plan" has, to all intents and purposes, been abandoned and the present building programme will give France a fleet of 84 ships, with a total displacement of 183,000 tons, by 1987, or 47 fewer ships than are serving at the moment.

A building level of this kind can scarcely be what President Giscard d'Estaing had in mind in February when he said at Quimper: "I hope that my presidency will be linked to the idea of French maritime expansion. The decade 1975-1985 must be that of France's maritime calling, for our nation is called to be the great maritime power of Western Europe."

With the existing fleet already having to be pensioned off by the turn of the year, the total tonnage of the fleet will be 5 per cent less than it was three years ago. France now has four crews for each three patrol vessels and needs them.

From January, these craft will have to be working for 160 days a year, compared with the 100 days averaged at the moment.

It was to study these problems with all the senior admirals of the French Navy that the President went to Brest today. As they met in the town hall, 8,000 shipyard workers, who were on a day's strike which was supported by the town council, demonstrated in the streets outside.

M François Leble, the Socialist mayor, greeted the President in the town hall courtyard, then went out to join the demonstrators.

For them the rundown in the fleet means a rundown in the number of jobs in the area. Brittany is already one of the areas in France with the highest unemployment figures so rebuilding the fleet takes on a significance, with the election looming, beyond defence itself.

The Jeanne d'Arc sailed from Brest today on a six-month training voyage across the Indian Ocean. By the time it gets back, the elections will be over and the Navy's budget may have been altered considerably.

Life sentence demand in war crimes trial

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Nov 7

The public prosecutor has demanded a life sentence for Pieter Nicolas Menten, the Dutch millionaire art collector, aged 78, who is on trial here charged with war crimes in Poland.

He said he had refrained from asking the death penalty because of the defendant's age and the lapse of time since the crimes were committed. Theoretically, the death penalty is still applicable in the Netherlands for war crimes.

According to the prosecutor there is clear evidence that Mr Menten played a leading part in the execution of Jews in the village of Podhorice, which at the time was in Nazi-occupied Poland. The evidence is based on declarations by witnesses and on correspondence of the defendant which was found after the war in Cracow.

The accused has always maintained that the correspondence was falsified. He pleads that he never did more than help the Germans in small ways and against his will.

Mr Menten went to East Galicia in 1941 in the wake of the Nazi invasion, as he had property there which, during the Russian occupation had been divided up among small farmers. Mr Menten, according to the prosecution case, was seconded to one of SS General Schöngart's so-called *Einsatzcommandos* — special groups which were charged with solving "the Jewish question".

Mr Menten has been in jail for almost a year. He was arrested in Zurich after his last-minute escape from Holland on the eve of his arrest.

The court will give its verdict in December.

PLO man at Mass by freed prelate

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Nov 7

The Vatican expressed "profound satisfaction" today at the release from prison of Mgr Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic archbishop who was sentenced to 12 years' jail by an Israeli court for gunrunning.

He had been found guilty in 1974 of possessing and transporting arms destined for Palestinian guerrillas in Israel and his release is in response to a request sent personally by the Pope to President Katzir.

It is the first message written by the Pope to the Israeli head of state since the Jewish state was formed 29 years ago.

The Israelis insisted on the expulsion of the archbishop, who is 55, and it is understood that the Vatican intends sending him to work in Latin America after he has recovered his health damaged by prison hunger strikes.

Hero's welcome: Archbishop Capucci today said Mass at a service in Rome attended by a personal representative of Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader.

Although the Vatican has publicly cast doubts on the prelate's conviction for running weapons across the Lebanese-Israeli border, the Syrian-born priest got a hero's welcome from a PLO representative and dozens of Palestinian and Jordanian students when he arrived at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport.

Students in traditional Arab headdresses waved banners reading: "Long live freedom fighter Hilarion Capucci."—UPI.

Brussels decision to cut duty on apples

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 7

EEC agriculture ministers agreed here tonight to cut the duty on imported apples from 14 per cent to 6 per cent in an effort to increase supplies and hold down shop prices. This year's apple crop was about 20 per cent below the average in most EEC states.

The duty reduction is expected to attract an extra 30,000 to 50,000 tonnes of apples from North America and eastern Europe where the crop has been good. Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture, said the extra supplies should be "just enough to steady the market and stop prices going up too much in December".

Britain, and the European Commission had wanted the apple duty removed completely until the market improved, but this ran into stiff opposition from the Italians and the Dutch. Compromise was eventually reached after some lengthy legal wrangling as to whether the decision should be taken by majority vote or not.

EEC delegation in talks on Portugese entry

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Nov 7

A delegation from the European Community opened talks in Lisbon today with Portuguese members of the Committee for the Integration of Portugal in the Community.

The EEC delegation is headed by Mr Roland Kergoulay, the EEC director-general of foreign relations, and that of Portugal by Dr Vitor Constancio, one of the assistant directors of the Bank of Portugal.

Portugal's formal request for membership was handed to the EEC in March

Meanwhile it was announced that Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, will arrive here on Thursday for an official visit.

The first agreement between Portugal and the EEC was signed in January, 1972. It covered the progressive cutting of customs duties.

An additional protocol, signed in September, 1976, extended this agreement, including safeguard of Portuguese immigrant workers' social conditions in EEC member-countries. It also covered technical and financial aid

The Portuguese Parliament has voted in favour of joining the EEC.

The question of when Portugal can take its place as a member of the Community is still undecided. Last month Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, stated publicly that at least 10 years would be required for the country to pull its economy up to membership level.

Lisbon, Nov 7.—The deputy chief of Portugal's armed forces has been relieved of his post after admitting failure to reorganize the three services, the Portuguese national news agency reported tonight. It quoted informed sources as saying that General José Loureiro dos Santos had been demoted to lieutenant-colonel by President Eanes.—Reuter.

British fishermen worried about Danish plans

By Our Northern Industrial Correspondent

British fishermen are alarmed that 700 Danish fishing vessels, which have just been barred from the 200-mile limit round southern Norway, may turn to Britain's half of the North Sea, which they say is already overfished.

If this happens, the British Fishing Federation, and other fishing organizations, will press the Government to take unilateral conservation measures.

A federation spokesman says this action was provided for by the Hague Agreement and may well be similar to that introduced last week to prevent pout fishing off northern Scotland.

The problem has arisen because Norway decided to limit Danish fishing in its waters to 50 vessels. Because Danish fishing organizations could not agree who should select vessels for the 50 licences, the Danish Government made no application to Norway, which then imposed a complete ban.

The British federation said last night that the Danish vessels would either have to tie up or find alternative fishing grounds. Except for their own limited fishing grounds, and those of other EEC partners, British and Irish waters were the ones left. It was unlikely the Danes would go to the west, which left only the North Sea.

The 1,200,000 tonnes Danish catch was mostly industrial fishing for oil and fish meal which, because of the small mesh nets used, inevitably meant a substantial bycatch of immature fish of prime species like cod, haddock and whiting.

"The situation is very worrying and highlights the conservation argument which is the basis of Britain's claim for an exclusively controlled 50-mile zone, the federation said.

"The truth of the matter is that the Danes like the Dutch on North Sea flat fish, have consistently ignored the scientists' advice and warning and built up an excess of capacity."

Police send bill to protesters

Bonn, Nov 7.—Police in Schleswig-Holstein have just sent a bill of DM5,384 (£1,346) to each of 21 anti-nuclear demonstrators.

The police calculated that it cost them 21 times that amount to forcibly evacuate 500 ecologist militants who occupied the construction site of a nuclear power plant at Brockdorf.—Agence France-Presse.

Mafia suspected in murder of brothers

Reggio Calabria, Nov 7.—Two Calabrian brothers were shot and killed near this southern Italian city at dawn today in what seemed to be a Mafia murder. Signor Giuseppe Calabrese and his brother Filippo were ambushed in their car.

Go-slow at Orly

Paris, Nov 7.—Customs officers at Orly airport started a week's go-slow today, delaying arriving travellers trying to clear their baggage.—UPI.

M Barre faces war of the croissant

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 7

The bakers and confectioners of France are about to declare the "war of the croissant" against the Government. They refuse to accept the new maximum prices imposed last week by M Barre, the Prime Minister, of 1 franc (about 11p) for the ordinary croissan, 1.20 francs for the croissant made with butter, and 1.30 francs for the chocolate roll. The prices came into force today.

The price for croissant made without butter was hitherto 1.20 francs and with butter, 1.60 francs or 1.70 francs. Some cafés even sold them for more than two francs plus 15 per cent service.

The Prime Minister's decision was amply justified. In the past year the price of cakes and confectionery has risen by 14 per cent, and their size has progressively shrunk, so that the traditional *éclairs* or *choux à la crême* are now hardly bigger than *petits fours*—a large mouthful. It is no different with the famous croissant, the Frenchman's breakfast staple.

Unaware of the imminent croissant war, I went out to buy a couple of them this morning and was surprised, first by their price, and next by their diminutive size.

The new austerity croissant is the equivalent of about half of the old one, and has even—at least mine had—lost its crescent shape, devised by a Viennese baker. He was working late at night during the siege of Vienna by the Turkish Grand Vizier Kara Mustafa in 1683, and heard the enemy tunnelling under its walls.

As a reward for warning the garrison he was given the sole right to bake the commemorative buns that, after moving west, have become the Frenchmen's natural accompaniment of the matutinal *café-crême*.

The lament of the bakers is:

"Everything has gone up for us—the licence, fuel, flour, margarine. There can be no question of our going back to the prices of four or five years back."

They have decided that from tomorrow, they will no longer make any croissants with butter or any chocolate or raisin rolls, only ordinary croissants, until the Government relents.

There is little sign that it will. It has even anticipated the reduction in size, by laying this down in article 3 of the price-fixing decree. But an inspector with a tape measure had obviously forgotten to call at the baker's who served me.

The new maximum prices that come into force today raise howls not only from the bakers. The small shopkeepers and restaurant owners are also up in arms. A bottle of beaujolais less than three years old cannot be sold for more than 21.90 francs, a cold sandwich for more than 3.50 francs, and a "hot" one for more than 4.50 francs, excluding service.

All food shops are to go on strike on Wednesday afternoon in protest against the new price controls.

The price of meat and fish is also fixed. But to enforce these against the ill-will of retailers will require an army of inspectors.

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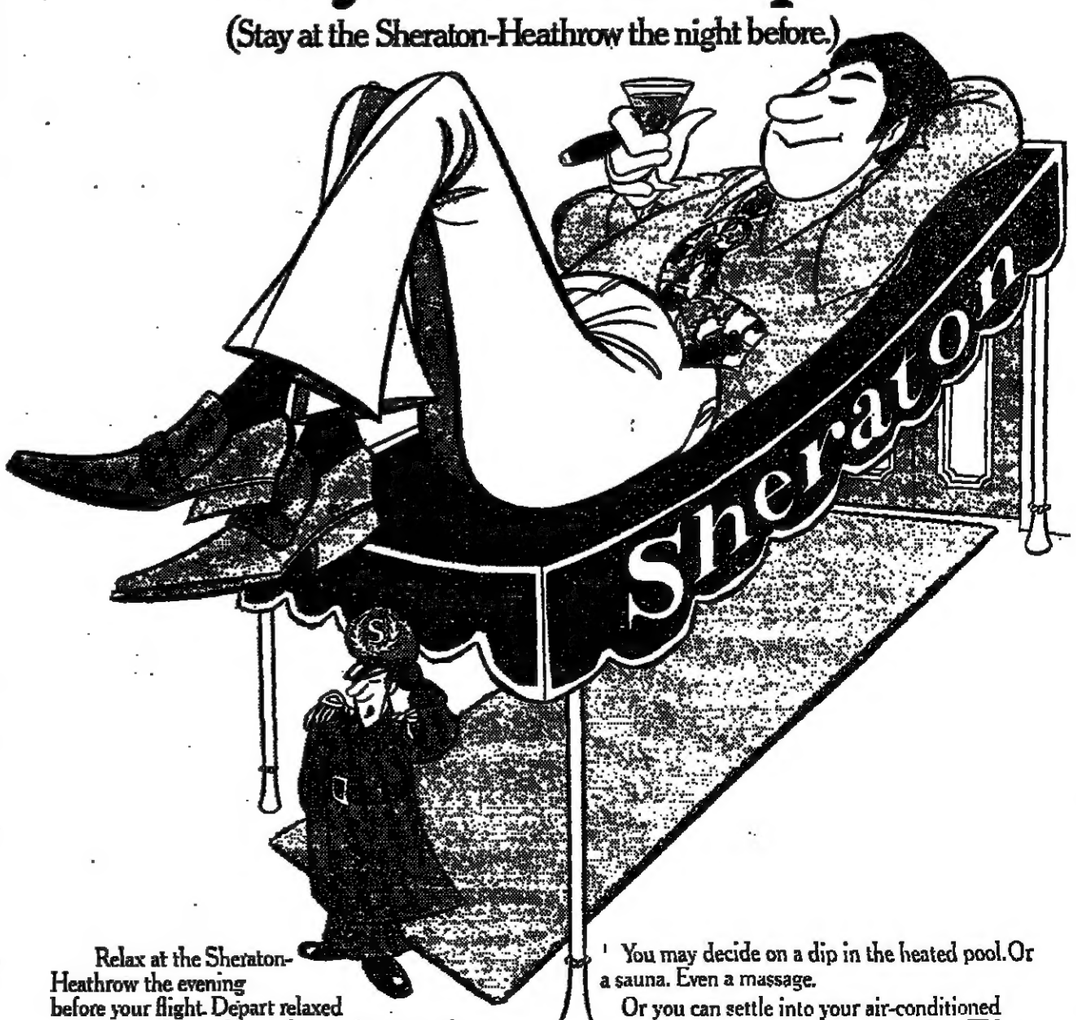

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Salisbury talks show need for substantial amendments to British plan for independence

From Nichols Ashford
Salisbury, Nov 7

It now seems likely that substantial amendment will have to be made in the British Government White Paper setting out proposals for a constitutional settlement of the Rhodesian issue. It may even be necessary to draw up a new White Paper.

This emerged today after a further round of talks between senior Rhodesian officials and a British diplomatic team led by Mr John Graham, deputy Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

Lord Carver, the Resident Commissioner-designate, indicated yesterday at the end of a five-day visit to Rhodesia that there were substantial areas of disagreement between Britain and the Rhodesian Government on the proposals for the transitional period before independence.

One of these was that the Rhodesians wanted to see more progress made on a final independence constitution before discussing details of the transitional arrangements.

Mr Graham is in Salisbury to discuss this constitution. He has already had two long meetings with Rhodesian Government officials as well as with the main internally-based black nationalist organizations.

In addition to the transitional arrangements, it is understood there are still substantial areas of difference between the Rhodesian and British sides on the terms of a final constitution. In particular, the Rhodesians have not yet accepted the British definition of majority rule that it should be based on universal suffrage.

An amended White Paper would try to take into account the principal objections by the Rhodesians as well as the different nationalist organizations towards the existing proposals. However, according to independent non-government sources, the British have made it clear that the basic framework of the existing White Paper will remain intact.

There is no question of tearing up the present one, the sources said. Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, has made it clear that the fundamental issues of the British-American initiative are not negotiable.

It is understood that on a number of points—notably on the proposed bill of rights and the independence of the judiciary—there is already a wide measure of agreement among the Rhodesians and the black nationalists.

The nationalists are also said to have given broad approval to the clause providing for minority representation during the first eight years after independence. The Rhodesians, however, want sufficient representation to allow them to block future legislation.

Mr Graham is due to return to London on Wednesday after further talks with the Rhodesian Government tomorrow. He is expected to have talks with leaders of the Patriotic Front shortly. Lord Carver is also due in London at the end of this week when he will report back to Dr Owen.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Lord Carver will complete his first round of talks in Africa with a visit to Lagos on Wednesday, before returning to London.

Nigeria is likely to play a key role if a United Nations peace-keeping force is proposed for Rhodesia. On this occasion, however, the purpose of Lord Carvers' discussions will be to keep the Nigerian Government in touch.

Dr Owen confirmed yesterday that British policy was still "on course" in Rhodesia, although he added that the difficulties ahead were immense.

Addressing African heads of mission in London, Dr Owen said it was too early to make an assessment of Lord Carver's talks, but that he looked forward to seeing him later this week in London.

Soviet arms display in anniversary parade

Moscow, Nov 7.—The Soviet Union today marked the sixtieth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution wit hthe biggest Red Square military parade for years, including the first public display of the new T72 tank and two pieces of new artillery.

It was the first time since 1974 that tracked vehicles had taken part in the parade, which was reviewed by President Brezhnev and other Soviet leaders from Lenin's mausoleum.

Western diplomats attributed the return of tanks and the increased size of the parade—some 330 vehicles compared with 151 last year—to the massive national celebrations of the sixtieth anniversary.

In a speech to the thousands of troops massed on the banner-covered square before the parade began, Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, said Soviet defence potential was "at such a level as to discourage anyone who may risk disturbing our peaceful life."

He said his troops were duty-bound to be "in constant combat readiness that will guarantee an immediate rebuff to any agressor."

More than 100,000 war veterans and Moscow workers began pouring through the square in tightly organized columns after the military parade. Snow capped the walls of the Kremlin at the edge of the square.

As Mr Brezhnev and the other leaders waved, the workers sang, chanted slogans and held aloft posters and banners pledging increased factory production and loyalty to the Communist Party. Patriotic songs and slogans sounded from loudspeakers.

The T72 tank, which moved rapidly across the square with some 20 other pieces of heavy army equipment, was deployed last year with Soviet forces in East Germany. Details of the tank remain classified, but Western specialists believe it carries a crew of three, has an automatic loader for its 115mm gun and can fire on the move with the aid of a laser range-finder.

The new artillery pieces, 122mm and 152mm self-propelled howitzers, represent a new shift toward self-propelled artillery in the Soviet armed forces.

Other equipment shown included surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles. As in last year's parade, Westerners spotted no heavy strategic missiles.

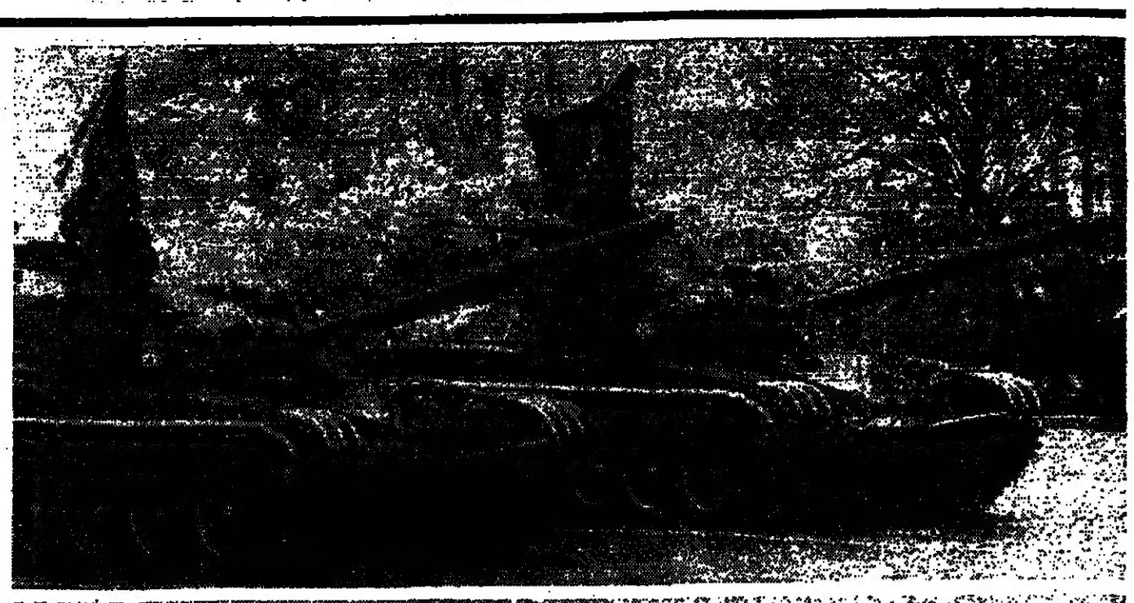
The sixtieth anniversary celebration has been treated with all ehe pomp and excitement of a national jubilee, with Mr Brezhnev as the clear central figure.

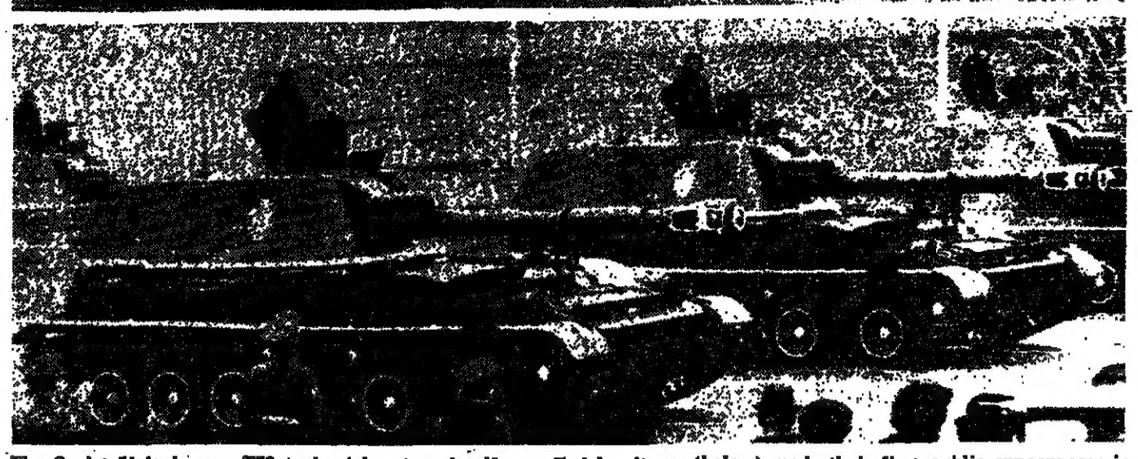
The Soviet leader, who will be 71 next month, has this year added the title of President to his earlier position as General Secretary of the Communist Party, and has succeeded in completing a new Soviet constitution that will stand as a legacy of his years in power.

The celebration, which marks the Bolshevik uprising of 1917 led by Lenin, will include an evening display of fireworks that is advertised as the biggest ever.

Mr Brezhnev appeared to be in high spirits as he mounted the steps of the mausoleum. The holiday atmosphee also pervaded the throng of marchers who cheered Mr Brezhnev as they paraded through the square.

Loudspeakers on the walls of the Kremlin played cartial music and a voice periodically announced patriotic slogans such as "Long live the Soviet people, active builders of communism".—AP.





The Soviet Union's new T72 tanks (above) and self-propelled howitzers (below) made their first public appearances in Moscow's military parade yesterday to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

Israel to respect arms embargo

Jerusalem, Nov 7.—Israel will not violate a United Nations Security Council arms embargo against South Africa, a foreign ministry spokesman said today.

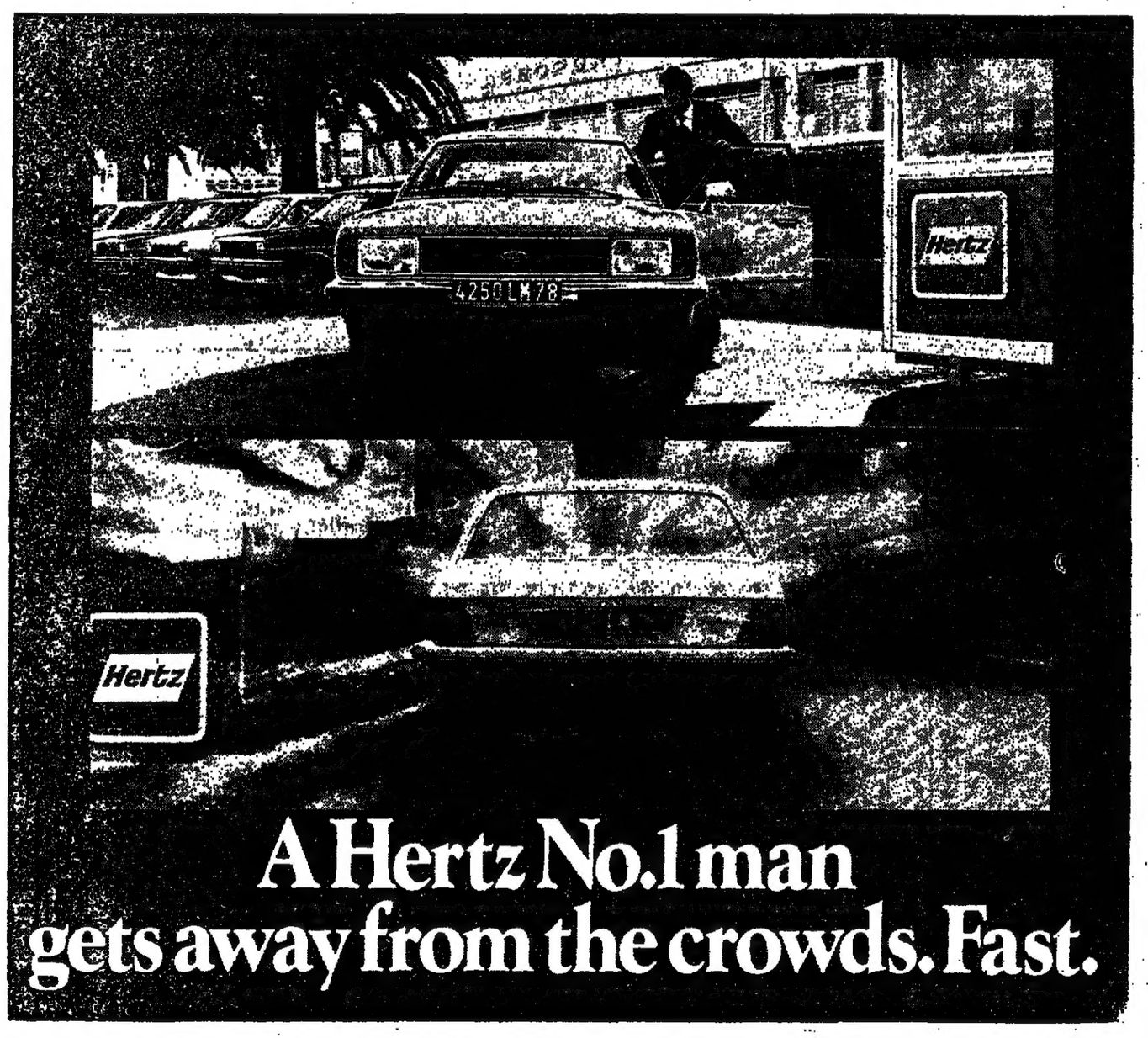
The spokesman was addressing a news briefing apparently called to clarify remarks by Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, last night that Israel would not abandon its close ties with South Africa because of other people's feelings.

Israeli relations with South Africa were open, the spokesman said ,but as required by international law Israel would respect the decisions of international bodies. He said that Israel had expressed its opposition to South Africa's apartheid policy many times, but had no intention of intervening in that nation's internal affairs.

Israel has strong commercial ties with South Africa. According to press reports, they include the sale of Israeli-made military supplies. The Israeli authorities rarely discuss foreign arms sales and Pretoria has denied the reports.

Our Paris Correspondent writes: France has suspended the sea trials of the frigate, Good Hope, which was being prepared for delivery to South Africa early next year, after the United Nations embargo. The Good Hope is the first of two A-60 class vessels on order from the dockyard at Lorient. The second is some way off completion.

The Good Hope was brought into the naval dockyard at Lorient this morning and tied up pending further orders. It had already undergone two sea trials under the South African flag and with a South African crew on board.



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US Supreme Court hears case of the ugly medical student

From Michael Binyon
Washington, Nov 7.

Should medical students be obliged to conform to the public image of a doctor? The question is not as trivial as it seems, for today the United States Supreme Court heard a case that is as important as it is bizarre.

A Jewish woman student with a brilliant academic record was expelled from medical school on the verge of graduation because, it appears, she is fat, ugly, unkept and rather dirty. She also did not get on well with those around her.

The University of Missouri at Kansas City decided that she would not make a suitable doctor and a few weeks before she would have completed her course, she was told to leave.

The student, Miss Charlotte Horowitz, says she is the victim of discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, geographic origin, physical appearance and personality. She claims that the school violated the Fourteenth Amendment, which forbids the deprivation of "life, liberty or property without due process of law" and her case has been vigorously supported by women's movements.

There is no question that Miss Horowitz is academically bright. She already had a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in psychology from Columbia University, New York, when she applied to Missouri. At the end of her first year, her tutor said she had the best past record in the school, and her examination scores were among the highest.

But there is also no question that she did not have the expected bedside manner. Court papers have described her as "unkempt, unattractive and overweight". Even before she entered the University of Missouri, the admissions officer noted that her personal appearance was against her, she had a slight speech impediment, and "I don't believe she fits our programme".

Her first two years at the university were fraught with charges and countercharges. The medical school said she lacked rapport with patients, and did not attend to personal hygiene. One doctor said she did not wash her hands befoe attending to patients.

Her tutor wrote to the chairman of the university's council on evaluation at the end of her first year: "Charlotte, by good or bad fortune, is a New York Jewess and perhaps her hypercriticality and tendency to complain can be attributed to her heritage.

"Her personal habits may leave something to be desired by most people. She also has the added burden of being a female with an IQ and accomplishment thus far in her career superior to most males who are her superiors by position."

Less than a month later she was placed on probation, and in December, 1972, the evaluation council decided not to grant her a degree in the summer unless they found improvement. She was allowed to defend herself before a tribunal of physicians, but was nevertheless expelled.

The medical school denies Miss Horowitz's charges of bias. They are appealing against a lower court's finding in her favour last July because they regard it as an infringement of the right of universities to judge the qualifications of applicants.

King Husain in new Syrian visit

Damascus, Nov 7.—King Husain of Jordan arrived here today from Cairo and began talks with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria on the prospects for reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

The King visited Syria on Thursday before continuing his journey to Saudi Arabia and Egypt where he stayed for 24 hours for discussions with President Sadat.

In a flurry of activity, Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, arrived in Damascus with a message from King Khalid to President Assad, while in Cairo the arrival of Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine guerrilla leader, from Damascus, was reported soon after King Husain's departure.

After his talks with President Sadat in Cairo, the official Middle East news agency quoted King Husain as saying: "Our aim is to strengthen the Palestinians with all our ability to regain their legitimate rights."

The agency quoted Mr Modar Badran, the Jordanian Prime Minister, as saying the Palestinians should decide their own future after "full Israeli withdrawal" from the West Bank of the Jordan.

Meanwhile, Mr Henri Simonet, the Belgian Foreign Minister, left Damascus today for Saudi Arabia after a two-day official visit during which he held talks with Syrian leaders

Tel Aviv: Military sources said Israeli artillery bombarded a Palestinian guerrilla stronghold in southern Lebanon following yesterday's shelling which killed two civilians in the Israeli resort town of Nahariya.

Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, said that Israel would take "intensive and quick" action to make sure the Lebanese border remained quiet.—Reuter.

Mr Kitson rejects criticism of speech praising Russia

Moscow, Nov 7.—Mr Alex Kitson, the representative of the British Labour Party, who has been criticized in Britain for his speech praising Soviet achievements and contrasting them with life in the West, said tonight he stood by his remarks.

Mr Kitson, who is also representing the Scottish Trades Union Congress at the celebrations marking the sixtieth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, met senior Kremlin officials today.

But he declined to give details of the discussions he had with Mr Boris Ponomaryov, a candidate member of the Politburo, and Mr Anatoly Chernyayev, of the Central Committee's international department.

Referring to his remarks in a speech at Krasnogorsk just outside Moscow on Saturday that there was no unemployment in the Soviet Union while one and a half million were out of work in Britain, Mr Kitson declared: "What I said was a fact. If there's unemployment in the Soviet Union, I've never seen it."

Mr Kitson, a member of the Labour Party's National Executive, said he was "especially proud" to be attending the celebrations

Asked tonight about criticisms by the former Labour Minister, Mr Reginald Prentice, now a member of the opposition Conservative Party, and by two other MPs, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Conservative) and Mr Neville Sanderson (Labour), Mr Kitson said he was "not interested" in them.

In a report on his meeting with Mr Ponomaryov, the official Soviet News agency Tass described it as friendly and said they exchanged information on the activities of the two parties.—Reuter.

CIA may have to publish Kennedy documents

Washington, Nov 7.—Judge John Sirica today overrode protests by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and said he would consider ordering the agency to publish highly secret documents on the assassination af President Kennedy.

He was hearing a petition from a group of private citizens hoping "to break the ring of silence surrounding the events in Dallas".

The CIA says much of the information has already been released and the remainder, if published, could damage national security or compromise sources of information.

Judge Sirica, who agreed to consider the request, could deny the petition completely, or he could study privately some of the documents himself or order another person to do so to determine their value in the case.

Mr Bernard Fensterwald, counsel for the petitioners, is demanding all the information held by the CIA on five persons, including Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren Commission said shot President Kennedy. Mr Jack Ruby, who assassinated Oswald, is another of the five.

He is also asking for CIA papers on the late David Ferrie, a pilot, who was the suspect in an investigation of the Kennedy death conducted in New Orleans.

Mr Fensterwald asked the judge to look at the papers himself in private to determine the validity of the Agency's claim that disclosure would jeopardize national security.—UPI and AP.

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Serious challenge to Mr Koch in polls for New York mayor

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Nov 7

Mr Edward Koch, a liberal Congressman, has been favourite for tomorrow's New York mayoral election ever since he won the Democratic Party's nomination in September. He still looks likely to win, but his long lead in the polls has dwindled in the past few days as a result of a late run by his chief rival, Mr Mario Cuomo.

It was Mr Cuomo whom Mr Koch defeated for the Democratic nomination. But Mr Cuomo already had the support of the Liberal Party and is running as their nominee tomorrow. One poll has him only 8 per cent behind Mr Koch, with 10 per cent of the voters undecided. A few weeks ago Mr Koch's lead was as high as 20 per cent.

The other two main candidates are Mr Roy Goodman, the Republican, and Mr Barry Farber, the Conservative. The polls show them as having only 3 or 4 per cent of the vote each.

Voting in New York is determined to some extent by ethnic considerations. Mr Koch can count on the bulk of the Jewish vote and much of the black and Puerto Rican vote as well. Mr Cuomo's strength is in the Italian and other Roman Catholic communities. More often than not these vote Republican, but there is evidence that this time their ethnic loyalties are stronger than their political feelings, which explains Mr Goodman's unusually poor showing in the opinion polls.

As far as the issues go, there seems little to choose between Mr Koch and Mr Cuomo. Both have emphasized law and order, and both promise to take policemen away from clerical duties and move them out on the beat where they belong. This is always an attractive pledge, but it ignores the reality that new people would have to be employed to carry out the clerical work, and this the city cannot afford.

The campaign has had its usual number of red herrings, including a heated debate over whether members of Mr Cuomo's campaign put about the allegation that Mr Koch is a homosexual. It is an accusation easily made against a middle-aged bachelor, but Mr Cuomo denies he made it, accusing Mr Koch's campaign workers of seeking to discredit him by alleging that he did.

In a related development, members of the Gay (homosexual) Activists' Alliance accused Mr Cuomo of using a television advertisement, in which he appears with his wife and five children, as a means of emphasizing his heterosexuality. Mr Koch, who says that he is not a homosexual, looks likely to get the homosexual vote, which is quite significant in New York.

IATA warning of lower standards to meet 'disruptive challenge'

Air chief in bitter attack on cheap-fare flights

From Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 7

The air transport industry is "poised on an abyss of regulatory uncertainty", Mr Knut Hammarskjöld, the director-general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), will tell the thirty-third annual meeting of the association when it opens here tomorrow.

He will use his annual message to launch a bitter attack on governments, particularly that of the United States, which are seeking to push through cheap fares without regard to their effect on the economics of the industry. He said it was not a regime of open competition which was sought.

"Airlines who are members of IATA, and the association itself, are accused of forming an anti-competitive, predatory cartel to take advantage of the consumer", Mr Hammarskjöld said. "Non-IATA airlines, for some reason, are deemed to have only the consumer's interest at heart.

"Facts are being conveniently and almost deliberately overlooked and replaced by rhetoric, half-truths and dogma, which is certainly not in the consumer interest and which is damaging to the reputation of the IATA airlines and of the association.

Reviewing operations during the past year of the 110 airlines representing 85 countries in IATA, Mr Hammarskjöld said there had been an earnings deficiency of $1,300m (£720m) which further weakened the industry's capability to finance new aircraft worth £70m which they needed to buy over the next 10 years.

"This is even more so when expressed at the highest levels of government and given popular expression round the globe by entrepreneurs seeking an opportunity for monopoly access to the peak-season, low-fare traffic."

IATA had to convince governments that an immediate move into an "open skies" regulatory policy could only be done at the expense of standards of service and reliability, Mr Hammarskjöld said.

But it was unlikely that governments were prepared to be so convinced and the IATA airline should therefore be prepared to compete by moving into charters, even if this meant a reduction in their traditional scheduled operations.

And in an apparent warning that air fares would rise, Mr Hammarskjöld said that revenue must be 7.4 per cent higher on passenger services in 1978-79 than in the current year just to cover operating costs. To provide an adequate level of profitability, revenue would have to rise 21 per cent.

"In short, it is estimated that IATA airlines will operate their scheduled international services at adequate levels of profitability in the 1978 financial year only if some $3,800m in new additional revenue can be generated."

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Scuffles end film curbs march

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, Nov 7

About 400 members of the Turkish film community, the famous as well as the anonymous, today ended a three-day march from Istanbul to Ankara in protest against a new censorship decree and for better working conditions in the industry.

Skirmishes broke out on Ankara's Cemal Gursel boulevard as police dispersed rightest militants who began to walk alongside the stars chanting "nationalist cinema". There were no arrests and the only people bruised appeared to be some young women and children who had gathered to see their favourite screen personalities.

The best-known stars—of the Turkish cinema symbolically—followed a set worker carrying a Turkish flag as they walked to Tandogan, one of the capital's main squares. Kadir Iuanir, a tall dark and handsome matinee idol, perched on top of a car and read out a statement through a megaphone at the very front of the marchers.

"We have taken to the streets to be able to make films expressing your problems", he repeated during the walk. "We have taken to the streets to have censorship and all other pressures on the cinema lifted. We taken to the streets to obtain social and economic rights for workers in the film industry who have been exploited for these past 60 years. We have taken to the streets to obtain your support."

At Tandogan Square, another star, Cuneyt Arkin, a specialist in "tough" roles, made a brief speech. "We will continue the struggle until our demands are met", he said, calling for a film law to be enacted, for censorship to be lifted, and for "Turkish cinema to be as free as the Turkish press".

Only a dozen films have managed to get past the Turkish censors this year out of 52 granted shooting permission. About 100 were rejected while still at the script stage. Last year, over 250 locally-made films were produced and distributed.

Bomb explosion mars new academic year

Ankara, Nov 7.—A bomb exploded at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara today, on the first day of classes. It damaged the office of the dean of student affairs and blew out windows in the main library, a spokesman said. There were no injuries.

The faculty of literature at Istanbul University was closed indefinitely last week after a gun battle on the campus between leftist and rightist groups. At the Trabzon Technical University, a bomb destroyed the car of its president. The other Turkish universities opened last week without violence.—UPI.

'End arms race' call by neutral nations

Belgrade, Nov 7.—Nine neutral countries at the European Security Conference today called for urgent and immediate steps to halt the arms race and give new impetus to the stalled East-West disarmament talks.

The proposal, put forward at the 35-nation conference by Mr Esko Rajakoski, the Finnish delegate on behalf of the nine neutral nations, said that political and military détente in Europe went hand-in-hand.

"It is of the utmost importance and urgency for all participating states, each of them in accordance with the place and role they have in this process, to take effective steps towards halting the arms race and to intensify ongoing efforts in negotiating forums related to arms limitation and disarmament", the draft said.

Immediate steps to achieve these aims should also be taken on a regional basis, especially in Europe where military potential was concentrated, it declared.

The nine countries told the conference, which is reviewing progress since the 1975 Helsinki accords, that they were worried about the lack of progress in lessening the danger of an East-West military confrontation and said the arms race was continuing.

The neutrals called on the conference countries to encourage world-wide disarmament measures and to give their full support to next year's special General Assembly session on disarmament and to ensure the continuity of any steps.

They said the conference should make known the sense of urgency it felt for the need to progress both in arms limitation and disarmament.

Neutral diplomats said they were not suggesting that the Belgrade conference, which is already complicated enough in its discussions of such emotive issues such as the Soviet block's record on human rights, should get bogged down in arms talks.

"Our aim is to express our frustration that no effective steps have been taken to curb the arms race. But we do think that at a European security conference, disarmament should be discussed. We don't think that disarmament rhetoric can be any substitute for concrete steps", one senior neutral diplomat said.

He said neutral countries were disappointed about the slow progress, or stalemate, at protracted East-West discussions in Vienna on mutual and balanced troop reductions in central Europe and the strategic arms limitation talks in Vienna. "Our fear is that technological developments are moving too fast for the political and diplomatic means of coping with it", the diplomat added.

The nine neutral and non-aligned countries who tabled the draft were: Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Liechtenstein, Malta, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

Neutral and Western countries have already proposed detailed measures to promote East-West military detente, with calls for the early notification of much smaller manoeuvres than at present and the prior notification of large troop movements.—Reuter.

Plane crash girl leads her brother to safety

Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov 7.—An eight-year-old girl climbed from a wrecked aircraft containing the bodies of her mother and the pilot and led her dazed 18-year-old brother to safety through the desert.

Richelle Krumpeck told police after the two-and-a-half-hour walk with her brother, Randy: "I climbed out the window and I told Randy to climb out the window, too."

She led her brother, who was concussed in the crash, eight miles to a road where a motorist picked them up. Later police found the wreckage of the aircraft on a hillside 20 miles from Las Vegas.—UPI.

More feared dead in US dam disaster

Toccoa, Georgia, Nov 7.—Hundreds of rescue workers, aided by construction equipment, began a search today through tons of smashed caravans, cars, mud and debris for more victims of yesterday's disaster when an earth dam burst in the north-east Georgia mountains.

The death toll stood at 37, but officials believed that two more bodies would be found buried in the mud.

In Ashville, North Carolina, rescue workers found the bodies of three youths in a rain-swollen creek today, raising to eight the number of victims of flash flooding in the Blue Ridge mountains of western North Carolina.—UPI.

Indians asked to observe 'two children only' limit

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Nov 7

India is stepping up its campaign to resume effective birth control programmes among the rural and urban masses.

The voluntary campaign suffered a severe setback from the compulsory sterilization enforced during Mrs Gandhi's emergency. Now even the most unconventional methods must be tried, Mr Raj Narain, the Health Minister, told a meeting of doctors and family planning officials here.

Amid laughter, Mr Narain suggested that popular imagination might be fired in the remote villages, where birth control is badly needed, if all cows, sacred to Hindus, were branded with the slogan "Two children only".

The truth is that Mr Narain has tried most of the conventional ways to stimulate voluntary birth control since the Janata Government took office last year. But the voluntary methods have been applied only half-heartedly.

Mr Narain has put pressure on the chief ministers of the states, and written to thousands of local dignitaries. Last month he threatened to dismiss all health workers found guilty of "laxity" in pursuing family planning programmes.

He emphasized that these had to be maintained intact with only the coercive element discarded. Yet his officials have found that many people volunteering for sterilization have been actively discouraged by health workers.

Mr Narain is growing impatient because the states have been receiving funds worth 600m rupees (about £40m) annually from the central Government, yet are not even remotely meeting their targets.

In Madhya Pradesh only 5,700 people came forward for voluntary sterilization in the first quarter of this year while the 1977-78 target in the state is 350,000 operations.

When the state railways organized sterilization of their staff members during the emergency, in Bombay Central station alone there were average 1,000 operations a month. Last April the total figure was down to 75.

A Government policy statement says: "If India's present birth rate growth continues we shall be touching the 1,000 million population mark by the end of the century." China's rate of population growth is now less than half that of India's.

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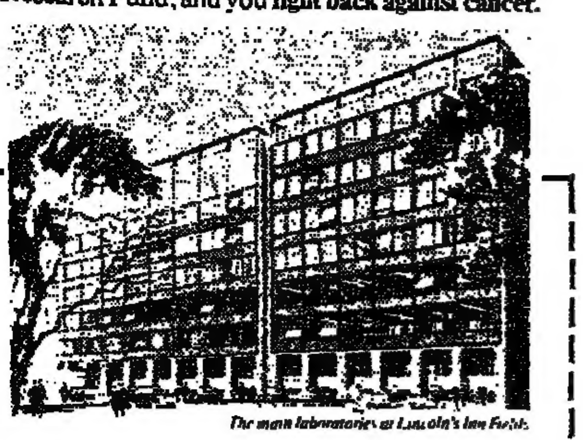

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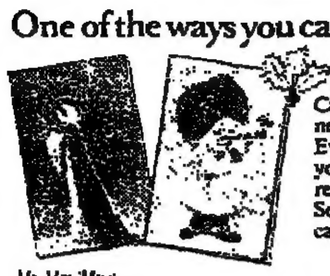

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OVERSEAS

King Hassan warned by Algeria against hot pursuit of rebels

Algiers, Nov 7.—Algeria today warned King Hassan of Morocco that any violation of its frontiers would be considered a declaration of war and would meet with an "appropriate response".

The warning related to yesterday's statement by King Hassan that in future Moroccan troops would carry out pursuit operations against any forces which violated Moroccan frontiers.

In a speech about the situation in Western Sahara, the King claimed that regular Algerian army units had periodically violated the Moroccan border and said that his Army would "not hesitate to violate" the Algerian frontier if such incursions were repeated.

Today, the Algerian Government newspaper, *El Chaab*, said that King Hassan's war threats should be considered along with recent threats of French military intervention because there was close military cooperation between Paris and Rabat aimed against the Algerian revolution.

Th newspaper added that the Moroccan threat was a new step towards an explosion of the situation in the region. It was King Hassan's latest attempt to avoid the fundamental issue and spread a smoke screen over Morocco's successive military defeats in the Spanish Sahara and elsewhere.

The Algerian-backed Saharan liberation movement, Polisario, is fighting a guerrilla war over the partitioning of Western Sahara between Morocco and Mauritania.

El Chaab said that if King Hassan, when he spoke of Moroccan frontiers, was referring to the country's borders before the partitioning of Spanish Sahara then Algeria would be the first to "join our Moroccan brothers in defending them".

But if Rabat was referring to the frontiers worked out under the partitioning agreement with Spain, then those borders existed "only in the dreams of the authors" because the Madrid pact was illegal.

In his speech yesterday, King Hassan said that from now on his troops would exercise the right of hot pursuit against Polisario guerrillas retreating into Algeria.

Thousands of demonstrators chanting "Giscard murderer" protested in Algiers today against the supposed threat of French intervention in Western Sahara and burnt the French President's effigy in the streets.

Yesterday was the second anniversary of the "green march" of 350,000 unarmed Moroccan civilians into the Sahara to back the King's claim to the territory. His statement coincided with a stalemate in diplomatic efforts between France and Algeria for the release of 13 French hostages held by the Polisario. Libya has been trying to mediate in the dispute.—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Our Paris Correspondent writes: President Giscard d'Estaing announced today that he had been given an assurance that the six French people taken hostage by the Polisario in a raid on th emining town of Zouerate, Mauritania, on May 1, were alive. It is the first news about them since their capture.

The President said, however, that they were being treated contrary to the rights of man. He appealed to the world to see that the rights of man were respected. "France will continue its efforts for the release of the hostages," he said.

The series of talks between M Claude Chayet, the French foreign office official, and two leaders of the Polisario lasted 16 hours but apparently made no progress. There was no news about the two French hostages taken last month or the other five who have been missing since January, 1976.

Corruption and violence in Arizona racing

Whispered clues lead to the conviction of reporter's killers

From Michael Leapman
New York, Nov 7

Two men were found guilty in Phoenix yesterday of the first degree murder of Mr Don Bolles, an investigative reporter for the *Arizona Republic*.

Mr Bolles, who had been writing articles about links between organized crime and horse and dog racing in Arizona, was fatally injured in June last year when a bomb exploded in his car as he was reversing from a hotel parking space. He lost both arms and a leg and died 11 days later.

Before he died, Mr Bolles whispered the words "Adamson", "Emprise" and "Mafia". The first of these clues led the police to John Adamson, a dog breeder, who confessed to a role in the killing in exchange for a light sentence. He received a sentence of 20 years' imprisonment, while the two men convicted yesterday, James Robison, a plumber, and Max Dunlap, a contractor, could be sentenced to die in the gas chamber. The trial lasted nearly four months.

Mr Adamson said that it was he who had planted the bomb under Mr Bolles's car. Mr Robison, he maintained, had detonated it with a radio transmitter, and both of them had acted under instructions from Mr Dunlap, who offered him $50,000 (£28,000) for the death of Mr Bolles and two other men, including the State Attorney-General, who were not, in the event, killed.

Mr Adamson said Mr Dunlap told him that he was organizing the death of Mr Bolles on behalf of Mr Kemper Marley, a millionaire wine and spirit wholesaler. Mr Marley had wanted to be nominated to the Arizona Racing Commission, but articles by Mr Bolles casting doubt on his integrity and record had hindered this ambition.

Mr Marley gave evidence at the trial and denied any role in the killing. He has not been charged.

The word "Emprise" uttered by the reporter on his deathbed refers to the Emprise Corporation, a sports conglomerate whose subsidiary, Ramcorp, owns all six dog racing tracks in Arizona. Mr Bolles had written articles suggesting that Emprise had connexions with the Mafia and organized crime.

The reporter's death aroused fury among American journalists. To honour his memory, a group of reporters from outside Arizona continued the investigations he had begun and wrote a series of articles about corruption in the state.

Evidence at the trial revealed an astonishing depth of corruption, accompanied by ruthless violence. The lawyer for Mr Dunlap alleged that his client had been framed by Mr Neal Roberts, a Phoenix lawyer, who is soon to stand trial with Mr Robison in connexion with a bomb attack on a federal building last year.

Mr William Schafer, Assistant Attorney-General for Arizona, indicated yesterday that investigations were continuing in an attempt to implicate more people in the conspiracy to kill Mr Bolles. "We don't have all the conspirators, but we will", he asserted.

Detective Jon Fellers of the Phoenix police added: "We've got some new information as a result of the trial." New avenues of investigation had been opened which should lead to more conspirators.

Muldoon trip to calm US feelings

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, Nov 7

Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand Prime Minister, leaves tonight for a 22-day tour of the United States, during which he will ask President Carter for improved access for New Zealand's farm products to the American market.

There will likely be some repairing of relationships when the two leaders meet for the first time on Wednesday. Mr Muldoon's reference earlier this year to "the peanut grower from Georgia" and his questioning of some international aspects of Mr Carter's human rights policies are believed to have ruffled White House feelings.

However, Mr Brian Talboys, Minister of Overseas Trade, who was recently in Washington, rebutted reports that the Americans were lukewarm towards Mr Muldoon's visit.

Before his departure, Mr Muldoon emphasized the importance of breaking down agricultural protectionism. He said this was a problem New Zealand encountered with the United States, the European Community and Japan.

Japan's attitude to New Zealand agricultural exports has barely shifted in spite of the threat by Mr Muldoon's government to keep Japanese fishing fleets out of the 200-mile offshore economic zone which comes into force next April.

Last year New Zealand shipped beef worth $NZ140m (£73m) to the United States. There is an agreed quota system, and Mr Muldoon is expected to ask for higher limits.

However the Government is seeking to increase trade in dairy products.

New law deters police action in Hongkong

Hongkong, Nov 7.—The Hongkong Government acted today to quell an incipient police revolt over methods used to purge corruption by rushing through a law to provide for the summary dismissal of officers who disobey orders.

Rank-and-file police leaders later abandoned plans for protest marches, including one on Government House, the residence of Sir Murray Maclehose, the Governor, who had told the Legislative Council that such pressures would "lead to anarchy".

The trouble stems from the methods of the Independent Commission Against Corruption. Operating since 1974, it has secured jail terms for 200 offenders.

Criticism of its operations flared into violence on October 28 when about 40 demonstrators invaded the commission's headquarters and five of the staff were slightly hurt.

Last Saturday, after 10 days of police protest, the Governor announced a partial amnesty for persons accused of corruption committed before 1977.

This did not, however, satisfy some rank-and-file policemen who demanded a total pardon. The amnesty does not cover suspects outside Hongkong, people now being interviewed by the commission or those for whom warrants are out.

The measure to curb police disobedience is seen as intended to allay public concern aroused by the amnesty. Community leaders and the press criticized the Governor for timing Saturday's announcement in a way that suggested he had bowed to pressure.—Reuter.

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In brief

Motoring sniper shoots 10

New Orleans, Nov 7.—A black gunman shot his wife today and then drove through New Orleans wounding nine other people before surrendering when he ran out of bullets, police said.

Three of his victims were in critical condition in hospital. After shooting his wife and a man near his home, he drove across the city, firing at three men sitting in a park and finally wounding five people in a broker's office, where he was captured.

Newspapers seized

Buenos Aires, Nov 7.—All copies of the political weekly Correo de la Semana were seized by police before they went on sale, apparently because the paper said that widespread strikes were revealing "a growing Government deterioration".

Mr Mintoff's praise

Peking, Nov 7.—Mr Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, ended his third visit to China by saying in Canton: "We have been able to feel the pulse of your nation and we have found it strong and healthy." He praised Chinese generosity to Malta.

Prague hunger strike

Vienna, Nov 7.—Three Czechoslovak activists have gone on hunger strike in Prague to protest against police harassment of signatories of the Charter 77 human rights manifesto, dissident sources said here.

Czech jailed for spying

Prague, Nov 7.—A regional court in Ostrava has sentenced a man, identified only as "W.H., aged 68", to a sentence of five years imprisonment for spying.

Parliamentary snub

Canberra, Nov 7.—Opposition Labour Party politicians boycotted a farewell parliamentary lunch here for Governor-General Sir John Kerr, who retires on December 8.

Cubans step up aid

Havana, Nov 7.—Cuban aid to Angola will double next year, Vice-President Ramiro Valdes was quoted as saying in Luanda.

China sees first foreigner to marry in 15 years

Peking, Nov 7.—The first marriage of a Chinese to a foreigner in China for more than 15 years took place today in Peking between a French girl, Mlle Odile Pierquin, and a 28-year-old Chinese worker, Mr Tian Li.

Sitting round a table drinking tea under portraits of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Chairman Hua Kuo-feng on one side and the "communist fathers," Marx, Engels, Stalin and Lenin, on the other, the couple wrote in Chinese: "We the undersigned, Tian Li and Odile Pierquin, in accordance with the law request permission to marry."

Mlle Pierquin's mother and father, a cancer specialist, flew in last night from Paris for the wedding. Mr Tian Li's father, a retired army colonel and his mother, a paediatrician, were there with their other son and daughter. The only other person at the ceremony was a French friend of the couple who have been waiting nearly a year for official permission to marry.—Agence France-Presse.

Boy murderer is sentenced to life imprisonment

Miami, Nov 7.—A 15-year-old boy whose defence against a murder charge was based on "television insanity", a result of watching too much violence on the screen, was sentenced here today to life imprisonment.

The sentence on Ronny Zamora carries a minimum term of 25 years in prison before parole will be considered.

The boy, who was convicted of shooting an 82-year-old widow dead, was also sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment for armed robbery, 25 years for burglary and three years for possessing a firearm when committing a felony. The sentences will run concurrently.

Zamora, who was wearing white jeans, a red shirt and sandals, showed no reaction when the sentence was read out by Judge Paul Baker. His mother stood by, also without showing any emotion.—Reuter.

Rapist beheaded

Riyadh, Nov 7.—A young man has been beheaded by the sword in public here for kidnapping and raping a seven-year-old girl.

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CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2. Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: OPERATION THUNDERBOLT (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.10, 8.15. 2: VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED (AA). Wk. & Sun. 1.45, 4.50, 7.55.

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. James Joyce's A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN (AA). Progs. 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.30, 3.55, 6.15, 8.40.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Kurosawa's RASHOMON (X) with Toshiro Mifune. 3.30, 6.10, [illegible]

CAMDEN PLAZA. Camden High St. (opp. Camden Town Tube) [illegible] Tavianis' PADRE PADRONE (X). Grand Prix Cannes '77. [illegible] 6.25, 8.50.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. [illegible] MARCH OR DIE (A). Cont. perfs. 1.00 (Not Sun.), [illegible] Last two days.

CURZON. Curzon St., W.1. [illegible] "Highly recommended." S. Express. "Tour de force performance by Vittorio Gassman." Eve. Standard. THAT FEMALE SCENT (X). (Profumo Di Donna). Italian Dialogue, English Subtitles. Progs. [illegible] (not Sun.) 4.10, 6.15 and 8.30.

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LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. [illegible] NUREYEV AS VALENTINO (X). Sep. progs. 1.10, 3.40, 8.10. Suns. 3.00, 7.45. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m. Seats [illegible] for 8.10 prog. Mon.-Fri. and all progs. Sat. & Sun. No late show booking. We have our own Emergency Electricity supply.

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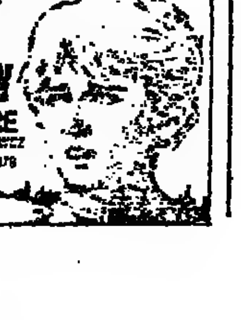

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The child bride—a detail from The Arnolfini Marriage

Focus on The Arnolfini Marriage

We know the date when Jan van Eyck painted *The Arnolfini Marriage*, although not quite so exactly as the two other paintings by his hand in the National Gallery. On *A Man in a Turban*, and the *Portrait of a Young Man* he inscribed the day, month and year in which they had been painted, "Jan van Eyck made me, 21st October 1433" and "Done on 10th October 1432 by Jan van Eyck". On *The Arnolfini Marriage* he wrote the cryptic *Johannes de Eyck fuit hic*, 1434, usually translated as "Jan van Eyck was here in 1434".

This is often interpreted to mean that van Eyck was himself the legal witness to the marriage which the painting is thought to depict. If—as Alistair Smith suggests in his accompanying pamphlet to the National Gallery's latest *Painting in Focus* exhibition—the picture does not represent the actual moment of marriage, but the state of marriage, conceived of as existing over a period of time, this would explain why van Eyck inscribed only the year, but not the day and the month. Smith seems to agree with most modern commentators who believe that Arnolfini's wife is not pregnant. But if she is, this would give added credence to the idea of the painting as representing the state of marriage over a period of time. The painting represents the year of 1434 in the marriage of the Arnolfinis, the year in which the wife became pregnant, very possibly the same year as the wedding, for Arnolfini is clearly older than his child bride, and he would have been impatient for an heir to inherit the sumptuous property which surrounds the couple.

The evidence for Arnolfini's wife's not being pregnant is vague and unconvincing: that contemporary fashions in dress made women look pregnant, and that she is holding her dress in a fold. In fact, she seems to be holding her dress over her swollen belly as if to emphasize her condition. And how else to explain the presence of a figure of St Margaret, the patron saint of childbirth, carved on the back of the chair which can be seen over the girl's left shoulder? Does not the picture celebrate the Arnolfini Pregnancy rather than the Arnolfini Marriage? And is not the bed behind the woman her lying-in bed, for surely her baby is almost due?

That the painting is of Arnolfini is documented fairly early, in 1516 and 1523-44, when it is listed in two inventories of Margaret of Austria, Regent of the Netherlands. Arnolfini was the name of a merchant family from Lucca in Tuscany. The man portrayed is probably Giovanni di Arrigo Arnolfini who lived for many years in Bruges. His wife, too, was Italian, the daughter of a merchant, also from Lucca, who lived in Paris. Her name was Giovanna Cenami.

The Arnolfini Marriage was painted only six or seven years after Masaccio's great frescoes in the Brancacci chapel in Florence. Its realism is of quite another kind, but equally convincing, even though there are oddities in the perspective. The differences between these works can largely be explained by the differences in the two towns in which they were painted. Both were merchant cities whose prosperity originally derived from the cloth trade. But at the beginning of the fifteenth century the Flemish cloth industry was feeling the effects of rivalry from England, which had begun to make cloth of its own. The days when the merchants of Bruges voyaged throughout the known world in search of business were gone. The town was now filled with foreign merchants: Venetians, Genoese, Florentines, Catalans, Portuguese, French, English, Scots, Hanseatic Germans. They came to buy cloth, and to sell consumer goods to the Flemish. One of these merchants was Arnolfini from Lucca.

The architecture of Bruges is that of comfortable merchant houses. Grandeur is only to be found in civic buildings and churches. Jan van Eyck's painting is one of the first of many Netherlandish paintings to depict the interiors of the houses of well-off merchants and their inhabitants. *They* are depicted not as noble, but as ordinary. That this particular merchant and his wife happened to be Italians is one of the ironies of history.

The exhibition continues until January 8.

Paul Overy

Venezuelan ballet company coming up fast

Sweet are the uses of adversity. Ballet Internacional de Caracas owes its existence to the closure, because of the economic crisis, of one North American company and to an exceptionally talented young dancer's dissatisfaction with the policies of another.

It was in 1975 that the Harkness Ballet of New York went out of business, leaving its Caraqueño ballet master, Vicente Nebrada, free for other work. Not long before, Zhandra Rodriguez, also from Caracas, having worked her way to the highest rank in American Ballet Theatre, found her scope limited by the company's emphasis on guest stars, and decided to pursue her career elsewhere.

The fairy godmother who brought them together and took them both back to their birthplace to head a new company was Maria Cristina Neumann, who was also responsible for wafting me and colleagues from New York, Paris and Stuttgart across to Venezuela for a weekend to see the closing performances of their latest season in the Teatro Municipal. The theatre, with a capacity slightly less than Sadler's Wells, is elegant, but its horseshoe-shaped auditorium makes for less than ideal sightlines from many seats, which explains the local habit of moving into any better seats seen unoccupied. Returning at the last minute after intervals is not recommended in this house.

Only two years after its initial season the company is beginning to establish itself with the Caracas audience and to win new converts to ballet by performances, sometimes in vast open-air settings, in other Venezuelan cities. But as its name implies, Ballet Internacional de Caracas has its sights set on a wider reputation.

By far its strongest card at present is the possession of a real star dancer in Zhandra Rodriguez. Some readers may remember her promise in small roles during Ballet Theatre's Covent Garden season in 1970. Since then I have had occasion to praise her in two roles John Neumeier created for her as guest in Hamburg, the child-angel in his Mahler *Third Symphony* and Titania-Hippolyta in *The Dream*.

Zhandra Rodriguez (right) with supporters in The Moon and its Children

Her two most spectacular roles in the present Caracas repertory are by Balanchine, in *Allegro brillante* and the *Tchaikovsky pas de deux*. The speed and lightness of her dancing in the latter are joyously dazzling, and when a conductor unfamiliar with the piece introduced an unexpectedly slow tempo for one of her entries she proved capable of a luxuriantly controlled adagio style too. But although she excels the rest of the dancers, she by no means puts them out of countenance. I have seen far less good performances of *Allegro brillante*, with its difficult ensemble work, from better-known companies; the mixture of precision and individuality was nicely judged.

Another moderately familiar work, Alvin Ailey's *The River*, shows the company in even stronger form. Indeed, I thought that the enthusiasm with which they attacked it made the ballet more enjoyable than in American Ballet Theatre's production. Nebrada, as artistic director, apparently encourages the dancers to develop their own personalities while working as a team.

That shows strongly in his own ballets, which make up about half the repertory. They cover a range of moods. *Shadows* is a lyrical, atmospheric work to Debussy preludes for solo piano. *The Moon and its Children* entertainingly celebrates the different aspects, indigenous and imported, of Venezuelan culture, with Michael Kamen's score using an on-stage group of four black drummers to supplement the orchestra, and the choreography happily taking in anything from Indian rituals to a burlesque of the four cygnets from *Swan Lake*.

Perhaps the best of Nebrada's creations is *Our Waltzes*, an attractively fluent work for five couples which probably owes something of its seemingly informal structure to the influence of Robbins, but develops its own character from the Latin-American accent of Teresa Carreño's music and from the choreography's mixture of relaxed ease and brilliant display.

A recent acquisition is *Ariel*, a duet made by Neumeier for Rodriguez and Zane Wilson. I wish he had found less familiar and more plausibly relevant music than the Mozart theme popularized by the film *Elvira Madigan*. But the dance itself is fascinating equally for its sinuous physical demands and for its emotional implications of Ariel's resemblance in some respects to Caliban.

I also much enjoyed two ballets by Margo Sappington, who is best known in Britain as the choreographer of *Oh, Calcutta!* The idea of bringing statues to life is an old one in ballet, but her treatment of it in *Rodin mis en vie* is grippingly unhackneyed. Each dance uses the static appearance of the sculpture only as a starting point and tries to achieve a similar emotional quality through movement.

Beginning with a series of solos, it takes fresh breath with a central group of duets, outstanding among which are "The Eternal Idol" and "The Kiss", both with Rodriguez, partnered respectively by Dale Talley and Manuel Molina. The work reaches a powerful climax with "The Burghers of Calais" and "At the Gates of Hell", both full of tormented movement.

Quite different is *Weewis*. The title, we are told, is a private word invented by Miss Sappington and her husband. The ballet, to rock music by Stanley Walden, shows three different kinds of close relationship, with overlaps which seem to suggest that all three can co-exist in one couple. The friendly, teasing horseplay of Dale Talley and Zane Wilson is based on pure comradeship with no sexual connotations. Marielena Mencia and Alexander Filipov embody an entirely sensual connexion, closely entwined and entirely absorbed in each other. For Gina Bugati and Manuel Molina there is a more complex love-hate relationship, unable either to remain happily together or to stay apart. The implications give resonance to a work that on the surface is light and easy, and the dancers perform it with absolute assurance.

Nobody would pretend that the Ballet de Caracas is one of the world's great companies. But its 22 dancers, about half of them Venezuelan, are skilled, likable and confident, its repertory varied and interesting. They benefit, too, from the aura that surrounds any worthwhile venture that knows itself to be developing rapidly. There is a possibility that the tour they plan for next year may bring them to London: I for one would be pleased to see them again.

John Percival

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Krystian Zimerman
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Never in the history of the Warsaw Chopin contest has the first prize gone to anyone younger than the Polish pianist, Krystian Zimerman. That was in 1975, when he was 18. On Sunday, still not quite 21, he gave his first London recital, filling every seat in the hall and winning all hearts.

Sonatas by Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin made up the programme. Not surprisingly it was his compatriot's No 3 in B minor which showed him at his finest. The performance has its technical marvels, not least the streaming quavers and semiquavers of the Scherzo and Finale. Yet it was the unaffected poise, the naturalness, indeed the inevitability of the interpretation that impressed still more.

Many artists have to grow old to find this kind of simplicity. Melody was intimately expressive, yet it seemed to flow of its own accord, without a trace of self-conscious point making. In the confidences of the *dolce* ending of the exposition in the first movement, the trio of the Scherzo and throughout the whole of the Largo (exquisitely timed and shaded) Mr Zimerman could have been Chopin himself, playing in his room to close personal friends. To the Finale he brought splendid cumulative strength and excitement—what matter if he slightly went through his tone at the last return of the big tune.

In Beethoven's *Pathétique* Mr Zimerman combined romantic impulse with classical discipline: its drama and intensity were caught in crisp rhythm and crystalline texture, but surely the minims of the answering descent of the opening *allegro* theme were too detached to carry their weight.

The young Brahms's Lisztian F. sharp minor sonata brought some questionable tempi, besides waywardness in observance of prescribed dynamics and tone insufficiently sumptuous in the most heated climaxes. But there was fine abandon in the flanking movements to offset the carefully controlled Andante and Scherzo. Movements from a Bacewicz sonata were not the wisest encores but they reaffirmed his keyboard wizardry. In sum, a young artist who makes competitions worthwhile.

Monteverdi Choir
St John's

William Mann

Monday marked the centenary of Balfour Gardiner's birth. On the eve of it the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra gave a concert of music by Gardiner and his friends, notably those of the "Frankfurt Gang" (he and fellow-students of Iwan Knorr), but also Delius, Holst, and Bax. Many others might have been included, for Gardiner was a gregarious man and a generous friend to colleagues.

His patronage was as famous as his modesty about his compositions, many of which he withdrew or kept unperformed in a drawer. It was a virtue of this concert to show the strength of Balfour Gardiner's music in the context of such splendid contemporary pieces as Delius's *Summer Night on the River*, Holst's "I love my love", and Grainger's "Shallow Brown" (this last performed, unusually but aptly, with a female soloist, Jean Temperley, whose voice rang gloriously above the male choralists and the throbbing orchestra).

Gardiner's cantata *News from Whydah* and "Evening Hymn" may still be familiar to choirs, as they deserve. The latter's organ part had been scored for orchestra expressly, and much it enhanced that stirring anthem. A "Movement for Strings" (from the withdrawn C minor string quintet) inspired respect and indicated the foreign sources of his idiom, but it was the *Berkshire Idyll* for orchestra which revealed the magician and poet in Gardiner most completely, a ravishing piece sensitively and passionately played.

The Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra were ranging outside their usual repertory. Their conductor, John Eliot Gardiner, is the composer's great-nephew, and he evinced an intense sympathy for the music of that period, even to persuading us that discreet Mummerset works well in folksong items.

Jarry/Pludermacher
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

Three twentieth-century violin sonatas, all written within a decade, made up the programme of Sunday's recital by the French duo of Gérard Jarry and Georges Pludermacher. They began on home ground with the work which was Debussy's last creative effort, and proved themselves at once at ease.

From the opening bars M Jarry produced a bright but soft-spoken tone, one which allowed him to respond with light dexterity to the subtle flux of the music, while M Pludermacher brought a quiet, accepting manner to the piano part.

The elegant fantasy and the classical tenor of the piece were caught in a performance which seemed to owe something to the musicians' familiarity with developments after Debussy, so that the composer's proud boast of *musicien français* seemed a gesture as much to Boulez as to Rameau.

M Jarry and M Pludermacher were no less successful in accommodating themselves to central European traditions when they came to play Bartok's second sonata and Enescu's third, both of which are imbued with the spirit, if not the letter, of folk music. It is perhaps a measure of the quality of the performances that Enescu's piece, although more opulently lyrical, gave no less impression of cogency and precision than Bartok's. The Bartok is, of course, the more dramatic, dense and angular work, but here M Jarry's pure line and M Pludermacher's resourcefully weighted, never barbaric playing made it far from forbidding. Perhaps it should have been a little bit so.

The Enescu performance left no such doubts in my mind. M Jarry's playing was as supremely beautiful in the ornate melodies of the first movement as in the harmonics of the second. The cultivated yet fresh style of both artists kept the finale from galloping too much into peasant jollifications.

Gordon Giltrap
Victoria Palace

Clive Bennett

Gordon Giltrap's music is claimed to inject a classical flavour into a rock idiom. The harmonies and structure owe as much to the seventeenth century as to the blues and much of the music makes play with the traditional baroque device of sounding two or more independent tunes and rhythms concurrently. Nevertheless its heart and soul is unashamedly of the mainstream of this century's popular music and it is in that fusion that the music's main interest lies.

Giltrap's guitar playing dominated the first part of the evening, a selection of pieces from last year's Blake-inspired album "Visionary". By rock standards his playing is remarkable and his exploitation of the instrument is most refreshing. Harmonics were picked out to great effect in several numbers and the clarity of much of the intricate passage work was well controlled. Occasionally, his technique let him down, but I prefer to remember the moments of originality like the ending of "Catwalk Blues", with a beautiful slide into the major key for its final chord.

The second part was virtually a complete performance of the new album "Perilous Journey". As on the record the keyboards were more to the fore, so producing a greater richness of texture. "Heartsong" was especially fine with its whimsical middle section and pulsating outer parts making a great effect.

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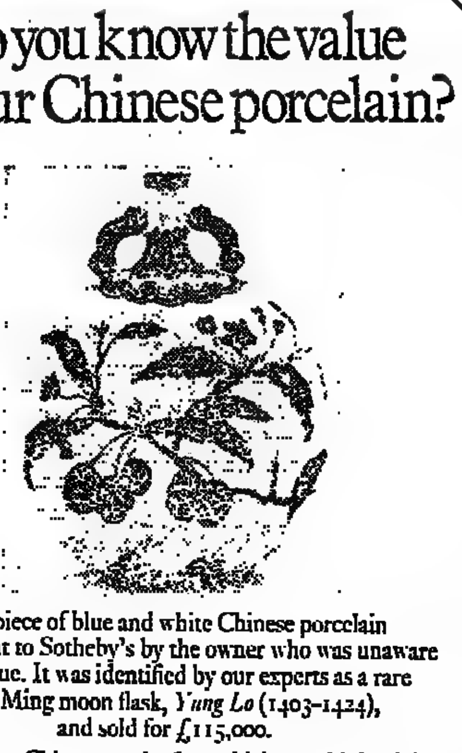

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Football

Incentive for players in period of restoration

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

England's flirtation with the use of large club units in the international team ended yesterday when the manager, Ron Greenwood, omitted Callaghan and McDermott of Liverpool from the party of 22 players from which he will choose the team to play Italy in a World Cup qualifying match at Wembley tomorrow week. Liverpool still have four in the group but the team will not continue to emulate the style of the European Cup holders.

The match has become much less important than had been expected earlier in the competition but it remains significant as a guide to the future both at managerial and team levels. A modest victory for England, however unlikely even that may be, would do no more than force Italy to beat Luxembourg by any score in the last game on home ground on December 3. There is no doubt that Italy will do what is necessary against a team who have conceded 19 goals in five games. So, the primary point of next week's exercise is to avoid another embarrassing night at Wembley and perhaps offer one or two younger players some incentive.

The difficulty for Mr Greenwood is that England will also be playing for his personal future within the international framework. At least the result could have a bearing on the title he receives. By all accounts, the trend of thought at the Football Association is towards a managerial group with a fairly youthful team manager and Mr Greenwood directing the restoration of the game at all levels.

In theory the result of the match should not matter a jot to the FA committee because Mr Greenwood's value is accepted. He has the experience, knowledge and ability to rebuild standards from the base.

After so many English disappointments at Wembley, Mr Greenwood will not risk sending out too many inexperienced youngsters against the Italians who have been so impressive in recent games. He has not called on Ward, the Brighton forward who was taken to Luxembourg with England for experience, Cunningham, of West Bromwich Albion, or Woodcock, of Nottingham Forest, all of whom may be brought in during the new year. For the moment the new names to senior international football are, Coppell and Barnes of Manchester United and Manchester City, respectively, Latchford, the burly Everton centre forward, and, the one surprise, 31-year-old Bonds, West Ham United's sturdy captain who played for the England under-23 team as long ago as 1969.

The choice of Bonds rather than Callaghan in midfield or in his club role as a sweeper would be the replacement of industry with industry and tenacity combined, but there is the alternative of using him with Watson in the centre of defence. He has often saved West Ham from themselves with his practical approach and excellent tackling at the heart of a team often delightful to watch but too easily beaten.

Mr Greenwood clearly feels susceptible to criticism for suggesting a player who probably has many equals who would not be considered and comes from his former club, West Ham. Also, Bonds has played only four first team matches this season because injury stopped him from appearing until the middle of last month. Even so, he could be of temporary value to England by closely marking one of the Italian forwards, possibly Bettega, with Gidman's speed also useful in restraining players who accelerate dangerously.

Mr Greenwood said Bonds had not been chosen without recommendations from others apart from John Lyall, the West Ham manager, and with Beattie, Todd and Brian Greenhoff unavailable he felt the choice was sound. He thought Bonds was versatile and could be compared with Todd and Beattie. The possibility of Bonds linking with Brooking, who is also included, is attractive. Mr Greenwood said the omission of Callaghan and McDermott had been made after much thought but Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager, had said his players "need to play the Liverpool way".

Mr Greenwood added: "At Wembley we will be playing a little bit differently but I would like to pay tribute to the two players, especially Callaghan, for their efforts on England's behalf."

Links with the Ipswich Town team have been slightly reduced by leaving out Whymark and Woods who were in the original party for the match against Luxembourg last month, but the club's captain, Mills, is brought back and could be used as a full back or in midfield. It was at full back that he played as substitute for England in their 3—2 defeat of Italy in New York last year and when they lost 2—0 in Rome a year ago. The match in the United States, incidentally, drew attention to the international potential of the Chelsea captain, Wilkins who should have become an automatic choice by now.

Despite his abhorrance of high and hopeful centres loosely aimed at the heads of large centre forwards, Mr Greenwood has decided to consider Latchford, who has scored 10 goals for Everton this season. Probably he believes that Barnes and Coppell have the skill to find Latchford in the right place at the right time. Certainly, Barnes has developed into a highly exciting winger and Coppell is having a fine season.

Having Coppell and Barnes attack the Italians from deep starting points and with Latchford and Trevor Francis available to take the chances provided, suggest a more positive approach but a victim of yet another variation on the forward line is Channon who is not included in the party.

Italy's manager, Enzo Bearzot, yesterday announced a party of 18 players including all of the team who played in the recent game against Finland.

Paul Futcher, one of the young players who was thought to be under consideration for the England party, was seriously injured in a road accident yesterday. Futcher, who is 21 and plays with his brother Ron, for Luton Town, was driving with his girl friend near Dunstable when the accident occurred. He suffered from broken ribs, head and chest injuries, but his girl friend was not seriously hurt. Dr Peter Burrows, the Luton Town and England team doctor, visited Futcher yesterday and learnt that he would not play football for at least six weeks.

The four newcomers to senior international football . . . left to right, Bonds, Coppell, Barnes and Latchford.

England party with number of caps

R. Clemence (Liverpool)	32	K. Keegan (SV Hamburg)	33
J. Corrigan (Manchester C)	1	T. Francis (Birmingham)	6
P. Shilton (Nottingham F)	23	P. Mariner (Ipswich Town)	3
P. Neal (Liverpool)	8	G. Hill (Manchester Utd)	6
D. Watson (Manchester C)	27	J. Gidman (Aston Villa)	1
E. Hughes (Liverpool)	49	W. Bonds (West Ham)	0
T. Cherry (Leeds)	14	M. Mills (Ipswich Town)	13
R. Kennedy (Liverpool)	11	S. Coppell (Manchester Utd)	0
T. Brooking (West Ham)	18	P. Barnes (Manchester C)	0
B. Talbot (Ipswich Town)	5	R. Latchford (Everton)	0
R. Wilkins (Chelsea)	9	S. Pearson (Manchester Utd)	12

Red card shown three times in colourless game

Wimbledon 1 Darlington 1

Three players were sent off in the fourth division match at Plough Lane last night. Derek Craig, a Darlington defender, became the first player to be dismissed in a League match on the Wimbledon ground.

He was shown the red card by the referee, Peter Reeves, in the 52nd minute. A minute from time Ferguson, of Darlington, and Edwards, of Wimbledon, clashed on the touchline and were also sent off.

Wimbledon, who were given a 37th minute lead by Aitken, also had Galvin booked. Hague, who was also booked, equalized for Darlington eight minutes from the end of a colourless match in front of 2,028 spectators, Wimbledon's lowest League gate of the season.

Burnley completed the signing of Brian Hall from Plymouth Argyle for £25,000 yesterday. Steve Kindon, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, was also at Turf Moor for talks after the clubs had agreed terms at £80,000 for the former Burnley player.

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Wimbledon (1) 1 Darlington (0) 1
Aitken Hague
2,028

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Minehead 2, Salisbury 1 (after extra time).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Kidderminster 2, Worcester 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Lancaster 1, Great Harwood 1; Wigan Athletic 4, Barrow 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Southall 0, Slough 3. First division: Harrow Borough 0, Finchley 1.

Greaves given chance to become a giant-killer

Wimbledon, who were FA Cup giant-killers when they were in the Southern League, could face a taste of their own medicine now that they are a Football League club. They have been drawn away to Enfield, the Isthmian League champions, one of 13 non-League clubs at home in the first round on November 26. Their manager, Allen Batsford, said "It's a tough one for us because the boot is now on the other foot."

Jimmy Greaves was given the chance to make some headlines again after his team Barnet, were handed a home tie against Peterborough, of the third division. Greaves, a former England striker in his first season with Barnet, of the Southern League, scored one of the goals in last Saturday's fourth qualifying round at Hampton, which they won 2—1.

Tooting and Mitcham's home match against Northampton will revive memories of 1959. They beat Northampton on their way to the third round where they held Nottingham Forest, the eventual winners, to a replay. Northampton have a poor record against non-league sides and were swept out of the competition by Leatherhead last season.

Three Northern Premier League teams—Wigan (v York), Workington (v Grimsby) and Scarborough (v Rochdale)—all have home advantage, as do the Midland counties representatives, Arnold, against Port Vale. But it is the south where non-league clubs have the chance to produce a surprise. Wealdstone, of the Southern League, are at home to Hereford, former giant-killers themselves and now in the third division.

Nuneaton take on Oxford United and Boreham Wood will have a capacity crowd for their home tie against Swindon Town, who only scraped through against Hitchin last season in a second round replay. In the West Country, Bath City and Plymouth, two of Malcolm Allison's former clubs, meet in a local derby.

Lowestoft, of the Magnet and Planet League, are at home to Cambridge United, of the third division. Whatever the outcome, outsiders will be present in the second round because five ties involve all non-league clubs.

First round draw

AP Leamington v Letchworth Garden City or Enderby Town.
Arnold v Port Vale.
Barnet v Peterborough.
Barnsley v Huddersfield.
Bath City v Plymouth.
Blyth Spartans v Burscough or Morecambe.
Boreham Wood v Swindon Town.
Bradford City v Crewe.
Brentford v Folkestone and Shepway.
Carlisle v Northwich Victoria or Stafford Rangers.
Chester v Darlington.
Chesterfield v Halifax.
Colchester v Bournemouth.
Doncaster v Shrewsbury.
Enfield v Wimbledon.
Gillingham v Worcester City or Weymouth.
Leatherhead v Swansea City.
Lowestoft v Cambridge United.
Newport County v Exeter City.
Nuneaton v Oxford United.
Portsmouth v Bideford.
Preston v Lincoln.
Reading v Aldershot.
Rotherham v Mossley.
Salisbury or Minehead v Wycombe Wanderers.
Scarborough v Rochdale.
Sheffield Wednesday v Bury.
Southport v Runcorn.
Spennymoor v Goole.
Stockport County v Scunthorpe.
Tilbury v Hitchin or Kettering.
Tooting and Mitcham v Northampton.
Torquay v Southend.
Tranmere v Hartlepool.
Walsall v Dagenham.
Watford v Hendon.
Wealdstone v Hereford.
Wigan v York City.
Workington v Grimsby.
Wrexham v Burton.

FA have to wait 24 hours for Clough decision

The Football Association must wait for at least another 24 hours before they know whether they can approach Brian Clough as one of the possible candidates for the post as England team manager. Brian Appleby, Nottingham Forest's chairman, confirmed on Saturday that they had been approached by the FA about Mr Clough.

He said yesterday that, after a short meeting with Mr Clough, there would be little likelihood of a decision, whether they allow the approach from the FA to go ahead, for at least another 24 hours. Mr Clough has not yet made his decision and Mr Appleby said: "I can't say at the moment when that will be".

Liverpool have dipped into the transfer market yesterday. They completed the signing of Steven Ogrizovic, a 19-year-old goalkeeper with Chesterfield, for a fee of £75,000.

Today's football

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

THIRD DIVISION: Cambridge United v Bury.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final round, first leg: Queen of the South v Forfar.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Enderby v Letchworth Garden City; Morecambe v Burscough; Stafford Rangers v Northwich Victoria.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Stourbridge v Bedford.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division, north: Wellingborough v Oswestry.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v South Liverpool; Goole v Boston United; Netherfield v Mossley.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Dagenham; Boreham Wood v Hayes; Leatherhead v Enfield; Walthamstow Avenue v Carshalton. First division: Chesham v Hertford; Corinthian Casual v Wembley; Harwich and Parkeston v Hampton; Harlow v St Albans; Maidenhead v Oxford City.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition, second round: Wakefield Trinity v Hull Kingston Rovers (7.25).

Tampa Bay offer 1m dollars for Simonsen

Copenhagen, Nov 7.—Tampa Bay Rowdies, an American Club, are prepared to pay over $1m for Alan Simonsen, a Danish striker and the leading goalscorer with Borussia Mönchen Gladbach, a leading Danish newspaper said here today. *Politiken*, quoting Francisco Marcos, the vice-president of Tampa Bay, said that the club considered the diminutive but devastating Simonsen one of their top priorities in their efforts to buy European stars.

"I saw Simonsen play in a West German League game two weeks ago against Bayern Munich. He is one of the world's best footballers and the sort of entertainer we need in our National League," Mr Marcos said. "It's no secret Simonsen is one of the Europeans we are most interested in. Transfer fee demands don't scare us," he added.

Borussia are known to have asked for $1.3m for Simonsen, the newspaper said. It said that Mr Marcos will continue his scouting tour of European clubs in Italy and Yugoslavia this week and will visit Denmark next weekend.—Reuter.

Replay postponed

The League Cup third round second replay between Manchester City and Luton Town, scheduled to be played at Old Trafford tonight, has been postponed for 24 hours. The match, an all-ticket game, is to be played tomorrow night (7.30) because of impending power cuts.

Tennis

Miss Wade reaps her reward as tennis set find their Shangri-la

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Palm Springs, Nov 7

Virginia Wade is $35,000 richer after playing four singles matches and two doubles in the inaugural Colgate series championships, which ended here yesterday. In a singles play-off she beat Kerry Reid 7—6, 6—2 to finish third out of eight behind Christine Evert and Billie Jean King. Miss Wade and Françoise Durr won the four-team doubles championship. In the final they beat the Wimbledon champions, Helen Cawley and Joanne Russell, 6—1, 4—6, 6—4.

The total prize fund was $250,000. Miss Evert and Mrs King won $75,000 and $40,000 respectively without playing doubles. Players and camp followers lived in pampered luxury and were lavishly entertained in a fashionable desert and mountain resort popular with show business celebrities. The weather was perfect. In short the tennis set found their Shangri-la—as Ronald Coleman when *Lost Horizon* was filmed here.

The women's game thus acquired a distinguished new tournament, the richest it has ever had, in an environment of appropriate grandeur and elegance. The important thing, though, is that like the men they now have a coordinated international circuit with a logical climax for those good enough to qualify for its rigours and rewards.

If the championships stay here, it is to be hoped that in future they will be played entirely in daylight—thus providing constant playing conditions and benefiting to the full from the sunshine and the scenery. The round robin format should be slightly revised to produce a semi-final round as well as a final (or drastically revised to incorporate the virtues of the repêchage system). A further amendment worth considering is an expansion of the doubles championship—perhaps by turning this, too, into a round robin event.

The crowd visibly and audibly enjoyed yesterday's doubles final, many spectators leaping to their feet and yelling their pleasure at some of the more richly textured rallies. There were exciting fluctuations in the score during the second and third sets. But this was not a consistently good match. There were too many unforced errors. The last game, though, was all winners. Miss Wade was serving (she was the only player who never lost her service) and Miss Durr hit four shrewdly-placed winners from the net. These two have won seven big titles with other partners but this was their first as a team.

Mrs Cawley and Miss Russell had joined forces after their expected partners defected. They won Wimbledon unseeded at the cost of only one set. But the feat was less widely-appreciated than it might have been ("Have these two ever won anything?" asked a colleague while they were taking charge in the second set).

Mrs Cawley is an experienced player with a flair for doubles and her younger partner is big, strong and athletic. Miss Russell has also been scoring points with her amusing off-court mimicry of Miss Wade's accent.

The tactical strictures of the match were based on the booming power of Miss Wade and Miss Russell and the less spectacular manoeuvres of their partners. Miss Durr and Miss Wade began with such authority that they won the first five games. Everything was happening too fast for their opponents. Mrs Cawley, always diligent in her preparation, seemed to have left some of her best form on the practice court and Miss Russell lacked the experience to adjust her game to an intimidating assault.

But as Miss Durr pointed out afterwards, winning the first set easily against a good team can induce a hazardous degree of relaxation. That happened now. Mrs Cawley and Miss Russell won a tough second set and were going well until Miss Russell lost her service in the first game of the third set. Within a point of going 0—3 down, they bounced back to 2—all: but then lost three consecutive games and, shortly afterwards, the match.

Three of the competitors here, Miss Evert, Mrs King and Miss Wade, have flown to San Francisco for the annual Wightman Cup match between Britain and the United States. "It's going to depend rather a lot on me", Miss Wade said last evening. She obviously relished the responsibility.

Cricket

Packer decision should be announced in a few days

By John Hennessy

The Packer High Court hearing ended yesterday in its seventh week, its 31st working day and its 137th hour. It was given a suitable epitaph by Mr Michael Kempster, QC, with a quotation from Pope:

A needless Alexandrine ends the song,
That, like a wounded snake, drags its slow length along.

The matter now rests with Mr Justice Slade, who hopes to deliver his judgment in "a few days". The weight of evidence, however, is such that it will probably be next week before we reassemble to hear his fateful decision, in particular whether or not the bans imposed by the International Cricket Conference (ICC) and recommended by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) are in restraint of trade.

In all, 21 witnesses have been called, nine by the plaintiffs and 12 by the defence. Only one was in court at the end, Mr Jack Bannister, secretary of the Cricketers' Association. Nearby sat Mr W. H. Webster, chairman of the ICC, who did not miss a single day of the hearing, a claim that could be made by no other person outside those professionally involved.

The star witnesses had long since gone their several ways, and at the last wriggle of the snake the casual observers numbered only five. They included Mr T. C. Dodds, formerly of Essex, who has been a conscientious attendant. The estimate of costs of the action, originally put at about £150,000, on the strength of a four-week trial, soared to £250,000 before the end. More than a million words were uttered and reference was made to more than 70 legal precedents.

The leading counsel for Mr Packer, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, had long since had to desert us for other activities and it was therefore Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, who gave the closing speech for his side. It began on Wednesday afternoon and finished five days later almost to the minute. He was on his feet altogether for 12 hours and a half almost to the minute. At times he drew from Mr Webster such audible signs of exasperation as he deployed his subtle arguments that Mr Webster had to be gently quelled into silence by one of his counsel.

But if all snakes, whether wounded or not, commanded Mr Morritt's charm of manner and mellifluence of voice they would not have incurred Pope's opprobium. He was the perfect counterpart to Mr Webster, leading for the defence, and they were justifiably (though, for all I know to the contrary, conventionally) congratulated by the judge.

The judge made a long intervention during Mr Morritt's speech yesterday on the fairness of the ban (and the potential ban, so far as the TCCB are concerned) as they affected would-be recruits to the Packer colours. He asked if it could not be said that "private promoters are simply creaming off the best players from the conventional system which has nurtured them to make profits for private promoters, when they would be otherwise available to make profits for conventional cricket that will go back into the game?"

Mr Morritt argued that there were many considerations but his particular point was not concerned with fairness. Why should not a professional cricketer of such standing, he asked, make the choice himself when he were free to do so and run the risk that his club might not wish to have him when he were available? He should be the one to decide whether he was to play for Mr Packer and his club were the ones to decide whether or not they wanted to play him at other times. The authorities should not be allowed to "inter-meddle".

Mr Morritt gave four reasons why the bans were contrary to public interest:

1 They inflicted damage on seven of the next 13 Test tours.
2 They were designed to preserve a monopoly.
3 The Retro-active element was against public interest on fairness alone.
4 They deprived the public of the right to watch these cricketers.

The bans allowed one country to interfere in the affairs of another country. Domestically, what conceivable interest had Yorkshire, for instance, in who played for, say, Hampshire and Sussex in a county match?

The authorities were cutting off their nose to spite their face. Domestic cricket did not depend on foreign Test matches.

The judge asked if guarantees to visiting teams would not be less generous supposing Test match cricket suffered. Mr Morritt answered that there was no evidence of that. Packer matches had been arranged for the next three (English) winters. In the first winter the guarantee to India had already been agreed; in the second the Australians were well able to maintain their guarantee to England; and in the third there was no competing series in Australia or elsewhere.

It was an "extraordinary situation" when an authority was said to be acting to protect cricket when, by seeking to exclude Packer players when available, they would be guilty of "self-inflicted damage".

The plaintiffs had always accepted, Mr Morritt continued, that players might be excluded in the interest of team building, but this was a matter that should be left to selectors or individual counties. In any case, among the counties only the clash between Knott and Downton for the position of Kent wicketkeeper had been put forward, yet it had never been made clear even if Downton would be free from university studies to take up his place.

It had been argued that Packer players in county cricket would breed resentment. The case, Mr Morritt said, had not been made out "as a matter of fact". The evidence had been vague and based on a misconception of the effect on English cricket of the Packer series. In any case there could be no justification for removing 20 players because other players might be jealous.

Swanton follows on with more memories

By Richard Streeton

A new cricket book by E. W. Swanton always makes an impact on the cricket world. In modern idiom, his image jars on some. Others find his prose ponderous. His followers, among them myself, are legion and considerably outnumber the detractors.

Above all, nobody can gainsay his experience as the senior living cricket journalist. The arrival, therefore, on the bookstalls of a second autobiographical volume in *Follow On* (Collins, £6.25) is an important event in cricket publishing. It is the third lengthy book Mr Swanton has produced since he finished regular work for *The Daily Telegraph*.

All three in different ways have disclosed unsuspected glimpses about the man himself. Free from the exigences of daily journalism, humour, tolerance and writing skill have flourished. Mr Swanton in retirement has benefited from what Oliver Wendell Holmes described as having "the tight straps unbuckled and the heavy collar lifted from the neck and shoulders".

To delve too deeply here into what is primarily a book of anecdotes and memories with what he terms side-roads not fully explored in earlier works, would deprive the purchaser of several hours of pleasure. There is some vintage reading to be found, especially in the chapters on H. S. Altham, Oxford, "A Few Old Buffers" and "Eminent All-rounders."

The buffers concerned are the eccentrics, who were more prevalent both in cricket and life before 1939. The all-rounders in this case are sportsmen who have excelled in more important spheres. It is revealing to find, for instance, that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, in a letter to Mr Swanton, suggested that Test match captains should choose their own teams.

"In fact", the soldier wrote, "I would abolish the selectors; with a group of that sort, all having different opinions, the final result will always be compromise—and that is the beginning of failure, the way to lose battles . . . ." Mr Swanton does not believe there would be many captains who would want, or would be confidently accorded, such a responsibility.

The most informative parts of the book for students of cricket lore, perhaps, are the pages dealing with the history of *The Cricketer* magazine, which has now appeared continuously since April, 1921, and most of all, some new aspects of the 1932-33 bodyline controversy. Has any game other than cricket ever been involved in three such contentious and significant issues at different times as bodyline, the d'Oliveira affair and Kerry Packer?

Various snippets giving new background and information keep emerging about bodyline to this day. I am not sure that the time is not ripe for an authoritative an up-dated history on it to be produced.

Mr Swanton's contribution to our latest knowledge on the subject stems from an account given him by Gilbert Mant, the Reuter correspondent on the tour, who was later dissuaded by his firm from publishing a book on the matter.

Rugby Union

Averous pulls out of side for first international

Paris, Nov 7.—Jean-Luc Averous today dropped out of France's team to play the New Zealand All Blacks in their first Rugby Union international at Toulouse on Friday. He has a pulled thigh muscle and will be replaced by Noves, who on two occasions last season, against Wales and Argentina, was picked for France but failed to play because of injury.

France have now lost four of the side which achieved the grand slam last season. The others are Harize, Bastiat and Rives. Tomorrow New Zealand play a regional side at Bayonne and Wilson will have his final chance to prove himself fit for Toulouse.

He has been injured since the first match a fortnight ago. He played on Saturday in the 34—12 win at Agen, but did not attempt any of the kicks at goal. If his right leg has not improved then McKechnie is likely to play at full back.

"We want to know if Bevan can kick. If not then McKechnie might play full back. We need a kicker. Williams, Taylor and Sear have not proved satisfactory", the All Blacks coach, Jack Gleeson, said.—Agence France-Presse.

Gloucestershire decide to drop their captain

John Pullin, a former England captain and hooker, has been dropped by Gloucestershire for their county championship play-off against Oxfordshire at Iffley Road on Saturday. Maurice Hamlin, the Cheltenham captain, makes his first appearance in place of Pullin, who is also a former British Lion.

Gordon Sergeant, of Gloucester, takes over from his injured club colleague, Philip Blakeway, at loose head prop. Michael Rafter, an England flanker, returns to captain the county after recovering from a back injury. He replaces his Bristol colleague, Peter Polledri.

Oxfordshire drop Eugene Gratwohl, a winger, from the side that beat Berkshire last week. He is replaced by Nicholas Johnson, who moves from centre to make room for Graham Horner, who is recalled.

Kent, who play Middlesex in the London group play-off at Blackheath tomorrow, hope to have David Cooke, their England centre, back from injury. Cooke did not play for Harlequins on Saturday because of a pinched nerve but he hopes to have recovered in time.

St Luke's hooker, Andrew Wolstenholme, who was unavailable for the victory over Hampshire, is recalled in place of Nicholas Graham-Hill, of Blackheath. Middlesex, who have injury worries, delayed naming the side until today.

The winners of the two groups will contest the semi-final round on November 26. The other semi-final is between the Northern group winners and the winner of the play-off between North Midlands and Notts, Lincs and Derby at Moseley tomorrow.

Golf

Molina takes home title for third time

Buenos Aires, Nov 7.—Florentino Molina won his third successive Argentine Open golf title here yesterday with a final round of 69 to win by three strokes. Molina, who led by two strokes overnight, finished with a total of 278, six under par. Another Argentine, Vincente Fernandez, came second after a 68 in the final round. He finished one stroke ahead of a veteran compatriot, Roberto de Vicenzo, who dropped back with a 71.

Sandy Lyle, of Britain, was the top foreign player. He tied for sixth place on 286 after a final round of 70. Malcolm Gregson, who was level with Lyle after the third round, fell back after a 73 and finished eighth with Guy Hunt.

SCORES: 278: F. Molina, 71, 68, 70, 69. 281: V. Fernandez, 71, 70, 72, 68. 282: R. de Vicenzo, 75, 69, 67, 71. 285: F. de Luca, 71, 68, 73, 73; A. Saavedra, 76, 68, 69, 72. 286: S. Lyle (GB), 72, 72, 72, 70; J. C. Quinteros, 68, 73, 74, 71. 288: G. Hunt (GB), 73, 77, 70, 69; M. Gregson (GB), 69, 74, 73, 72; J. C. Molina, 73, 75, 73, 67. Other British score: 290: D. Chillas, 72, 76, 72, 70.—Reuter.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Team tournament: 253: Gilbert and Jones, 62, 64, 61, 66. 254: Melnyk and North, 64, 63, 64, 63. 257: Irwin and Wadkins, 66, 61, 63, 67; D. and M. Hill, 65, 64, 64, 64. 258: Regalado and Rodriguez, 62, 65, 66, 65; Halatsky and Pooley, 66, 63, 65, 66. 259: Colbert and Pearce, 64, 64, 64, 67; Hinkle and Stadler, 66, 61, 66, 66. 260: Coody and L. Graham, 63, 66, 64, 67; Fergus and Hancock, 64, 66, 65, 65; Peete and White, 66, 64, 65, 65; Kite and Mahaffey, 65, 65, 65, 65. 263: Miller and Nakajima (Japan), 66, 64, 64, 70. 268: Devlin and Graham (Australia), 67, 64, 67, 70.

Squash rackets

AUCKLAND: New Zealand open championship: First round: A. Aziz (Egypt) beat T. Johnson (NZ), 6—9, 9—2, 9—1, 9—2; Ahmad Safwat (Egypt) beat P. Davey, 9—7, 9—9, 9—7, 1—9, 9—6; K. Shawcross (Australia) beat T. Colyer, 7—9, 9—6, 9—5, 9—1; C. Nancarrow (Australia) beat P. Dibley, 6—9, 9—1, 9—5, 9—1; M. Lilley beat A. Colburn (SA), 9—3, 9—6, 9—3.

Motor racing

Shadow chief in the dark about Stuck's arrival

By John Blunsden

Hans Stuck, whose place in the Brabham team has been taken by the world champion, Niki Lauda, has signed a contract to drive for Shadow in 1978, according to a report from the Continent. Certainly the 26-year-old German has been having long discussions with the team's American owner, Don Nichols, but last night the Shadow manager, Alan Rees, was unable to confirm Stuck had signed a team contract.

"I know that we have been in touch with Stuck", Mr Rees said from the team's Northampton racing headquarters, "but to the best of my knowledge he is not in Europe at the present time so it may be that the news is a little premature."

There has been considerable speculation recently concerning the structure of the Shadow team for next year, but now that Alan Jones has moved to the Frank Williams team it would seem that Riccardo Patrese's chances of retaining his drive with Shadow, for whom he made his first formula one appearance this year, have been strengthened.

The other driver with whom Shadow have been negotiating is Gunnar Nilsson, who has been expected to take over as the new team leader. However, the talented English driver has also been talking to other teams, and it seems unlikely that both Nilsson and Stuck will find a place with Shadow. All contractual arrangements are now being handled personally by Don Nichols from his base in California, where he could not be reached for comment last night.

Meanwhile, the first of the 1978 cars, the Shadow-Ford DN9, is nearing completion and it is hoped to begin track tests next month in England and on the Paul Ricard circuit in the south of France before the car is taken to South America for the Argentine Grand Prix in January.

Designed by Tony Southgate, who has returned to the Shadow team after a 15-month spell with Lotus, the car is entirely different from the DN8, which has been steadily improving over recent races. Two DN9 cars are to be completed as quickly as possible and a third is scheduled for construction in time for the start of the European season.

As in 1977 the world championship will be fought over 17 races beginning with the Argentine Grand Prix at Buenos Aires. The main changes to the calendar are the introduction of a new circuit at Rio de Janeiro for the Brazilian race, and the insertion of the Japanese Grand Prix prior to the European season which next year will begin with the Monaco Grand Prix. The world championship will close with races in Canada and the United States on consecutive weekends early in October, but there is still some speculation as to which of these events will be staged first.

The championship races are as follows:

January 15: Argentina (Buenos Aires).
January 29: Brazil (Rio de Janeiro).
March 4: South Africa (Kyalami).
April 2: United States West (Long Beach).
April 16: Japan (Fuji).
May 7: Monaco (Monte Carlo).
May 21: Belgium (Zolder).
June 4: Spain (Jarama).
June 18: Sweden (Anderstorp).
July 2: France (Paul Ricard).
July 16: Britain (Brands Hatch).
July 30: Germany (Hockenheim).
August 13: Austria (Oesterreichring).
August 27: Netherlands (Zandvoort).
September 10: Italy (Monza).
October 1: United States East (Watkins Glen).
October 8: Canada (Mosport Park).

Show jumping

Mrs Edgar goes clear to win jump-off

New York, Nov 7.—Elizabeth Edgar, the only woman rider in the British equestrian team, rode Everest Wallaby to victory last night in the Grand Prix of New York as the 94th National Horse Show finished a six-day run at Madison Square Garden.

Mrs Edgar, the sister of David Broome, achieved her triumph after a jump-off involving seven horses.

Everest Wallaby was the last horse out of the gate in the jump-off. Until then, Jenkins and Idle Dice were leading. Jenkins took Idle Dice around the course in 36.9 seconds and was far ahead of the field when Everest Wallaby started his round.

Mrs Edgar, one of the mainstays of the British team who won several events in Europe in the summer on Everest Wallaby, gave her mount a careful, but shrewd ride, cutting corners at the proper spots. Everest Wallaby's time was 32.5 seconds. The only other clean round in the jump-off was achieved by Salvaro, ridden by Lutz Merkel, of West Germany.

The victory was the first in the international division for the strong British team. But it did not help in the international standings. The United States team won with a total of 134 points. West Germany were second with 49, Britain third with 43 and Canada fourth with 34. Apart from their success in the team event, the United States won the first three places in the individual competition. Buddy Brown, aged 21, become the youngest rider to win the individual title, finishing with 36 points. Conrad Homfeld was second with 32 and Rodney Jenkins, who finished second in the Grand Prix, was third with 30.

GRAND PRIX: 1, Mrs E. Edgar (GB), Everest Wallaby (0 faults), 32.5sec; 2, R. Jenkins (US), Idle Dice (0) 36.9; 3, L. Merkel (W Germany), Salvaro (0), 41.8; 4, T Grubb (GB), Inchcape Chicago (3), 41.0; 5, T. Leibel (Canada), Merchant of Venice (3), 42.0; 6, J. Whitaker (GB), Ryan's Son (4), 35.4; 7, A. von Buchwaldt (W Germany), Pine (4), 38.5.—AP and Agence France-Presse.

Smith aims for British high jump record

Harvey Smith will make an attempt to beat the 40-year-old British high jump record of 7ft 3¾in during the Olympia International show jumping championships from December 15 to 19. The record can be set only on a specific sloping pole fence.

One will be built for Smith to make his attempt on his grey horse, Graf, at the end of the puissance event on Saturday, December 17. Smith was annoyed because he was not allowed to go for the record during the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley last month, but it would not have counted because the biggest fence in the puissance event was a wall.

Other riders will also be allowed to go for the record with permission from the International Equestrian Federation. The British record was set by Donald Beard, also at Olympia, on Swank, in 1937. Other records are certain to be set at the show.

Prize money goes up to £20,000 with sponsorship from three companies—Radio Rentals, Norwich Union and Harris Carpets. The grand prix for the Olympia Trophy is worth a total of £5,000. When the Olympia show was first held in 1972, total receipts amounted to only £30,000. Already takings for this year are nearly £90,000, with all seats sold for the last four nights.

Most of the top British riders are competing, including Smith, David Broome, Caroline Bradley, Deborah Johnsey and Graham Fletcher as well as Captain Mark Phillips. In spite of competition from the Paris show, there will also be many overseas contenders led by Eddie Macken, of Ireland, and Johan Heins, the European champion, from the Netherlands.

SPORT

Racing

Mellor can come up with treble chance

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

At Folkestone today Stanley Mellor and his stable jockey, Philip Blacker, appear to have more than just an outside chance of winning three races with Westering Home (1.15), Trustful (3.15) and Mummy's Star (3.45). Westering Home, Mellor's runner in the first division of the Burwash Novices' Hurdle, used to be trained in Ireland, where he won on the flat at Galway and Leopardstown earlier this year.

Out of a half sister to that good stayer, Wrekin Rambler, who has already made a name for himself as a sire of jumpers, Westering Home looks just the sort to do well hurdling and he is preferred now to Rube's Wicket, who won his first race under National Hunt rules at Southwell. Mummy's Star, who won on the flat at Sandown Park and Great Yarmouth earlier this year, should win the second division for Mellor just as long as he can beat that consistent but somewhat disappointing animal, Chichester Bird, who was beaten eight lengths by Caraux at Windsor on Saturday.

Mellor's versatile six-year-old, Trustful, will run for the first time over fences in the Herstmonceux Novices' Steeplechase. Trustful has won on the flat and over hurdles for the stable and I gather that he has shown no little aptitude for jumping the bigger obstacles when he has been schooled on the downs above Lambourn. He lacks the experience of Saintly Purchase, who was awarded a race at Ludlow recently after the disqualification of Sunrise Hill, and Tiepolino, who finished fourth at Huntingdon in his first steeplechase. But he has the ability to win.

Having won the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday for his owner, Peter Harris, with Bachelor's Hall, Peter Cundell is seeking a less ambitious target today with the same owner's eight-year-old, Coolishall. His objective is the Heathfield Handicap Steeplechase which he should win, provided that he runs as well as he did at Ascot in April when he won a race confined to novices by a wide margin.

Not content with winning 110 races in England this year and more than £300,000 in prize money Peter Walwyn is off to Tralee in Ireland today to try to win a race with his unraced but quite promising two-year-old filly, Huahinee.

The reason why Huahinee did not run in England during our season was solely her aversion to starting stalls which she refused to enter at both Windsor and Ascot. The reason why she is bound for Tralee is the absence of any stalls there. Patrick Eddery, who has just become champion jockey for the fourth year in succession, is going there especially to ride her.

An interested spectator at Fontwell Park yesterday was Ryan Price, who lives not far from the course at Findon. Price was the leading trainer under National Hunt rules five times between 1954 and 1967 before he decided to concentrate on flat racing.

He still runs a few horses under National Hunt rules each winter just to keep his hand in and himself amused, as he put it yesterday. Although he did not have a runner yesterday he told me that he would be racing four horses this season, Casino Boy, Le Soleil, Relight and Hard Attack.

Casino Boy and Le Soleil are both three-year-olds and they could easily be good enough to run at Cheltenham in March in the Triumph Hurdle, which their trainer has already won four times, first with Clair Soleil and then again with Cantab, Beaver II and Moonlight Bay. Price told me yesterday that both Casino Boy and Le Soleil had already jumped well at home.

Although he was obviously disappointed to see Swallow Prince, a horse that he used to train earlier this year, run indifferently in the Silver Jubilee Hurdle, he was encouraged by the fact that the race was won by Oui Monsieur, who is by Levanter. Price used to train Levanter and he was quick to point out that Levanter was also the sire of Casino Boy, who has won four races for him on the flat already and has the size, scope and class in his opinion to excel hurdling.

Oui Monsieur was bred by Herbert Vickery, who also owned Levanter in his heyday. Mr Vickery gave Oui Monsieur to his daughter, Mrs Tommy Gosling, the wife of the Epsom trainer, when he was a yearling and it was her colours that he carried successfully again yesterday.

Ridden by 21-year-old Allen Webb, whose twenty-second winner he was, Oui Monsieur ran on much too strongly in the closing stages for Naughty B, who appears to be aptly named. Yesterday Naughty B gave me the impression, not for the first time, that his heart is not in the game.

The fences at Fontwell are anything but stiff, yet only three horses managed to complete the course in the Petworth Novices Steeplechase, which does not say very much for the way that the others jumped. Ivors led more or less from start to finish and even he was able to survive a blunder at the last fence which would have felled him on most other courses. Afterwards his trainer, Derek Kent, told me that the filling in Grand Canyon's tendon had still not gone down and that he was pessimistic about him being fit enough in time to run at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

The Norfolk Challenge Cup, which is confined to amateur riders and was presented yesterday by Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, was won by Mister Know All, who was ridden by George Sloan, an American from Nashville, Tennessee. Sloan used to travel frequently from his home in the United States to this country especially to ride the horses that he had in training with Josh Gifford. But recently he bought a house near Findon so that he could spend the whole season here in an attempt to become the leading amateur. He has 12 horses to ride this season split between Gifford and George Fairbairn, and Mister Know All was his third winner of the season.

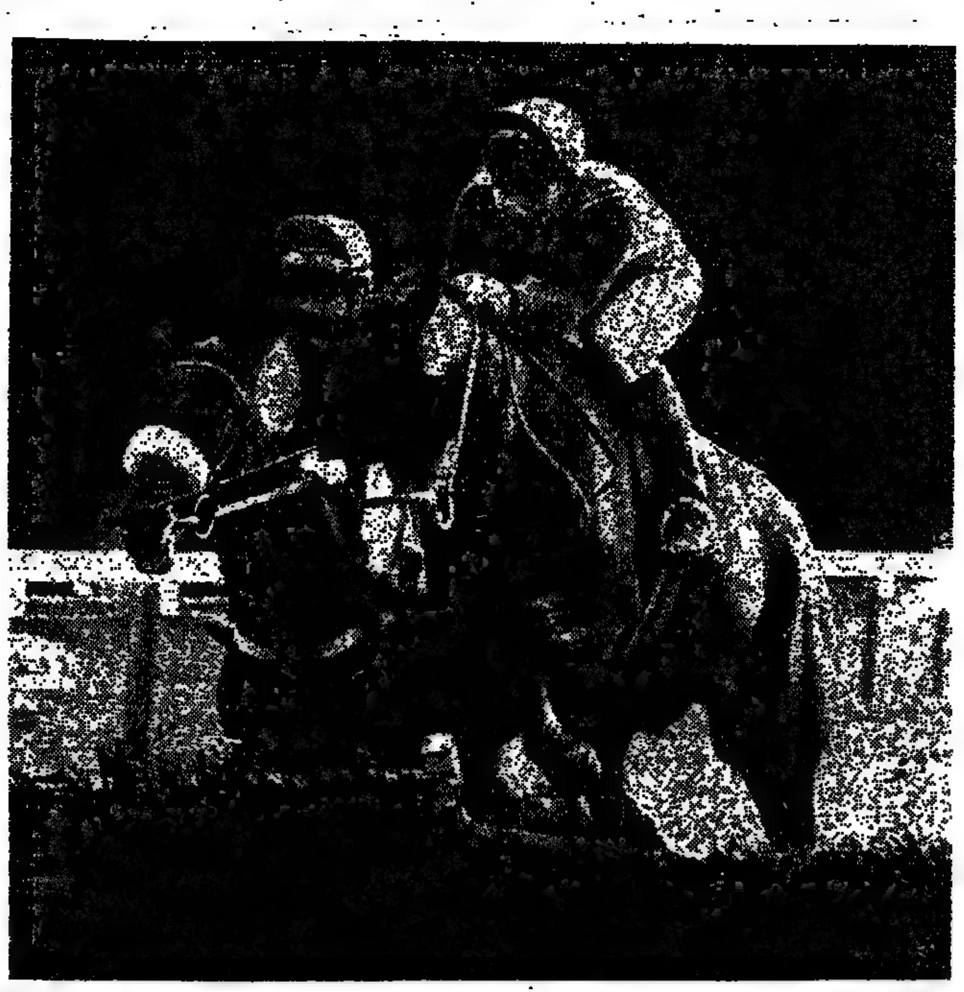
Graham Thorner and Bob Davies, both former champion jockeys, treated us to a memorable duel in the Bury Handicap Steeplechase, riding Colonel Mustard and Doo'cot Park respectively. Thorner and Colonel Mustard won that race, but Davies had much the better ride half an hour later in the Goring Novices Hurdle, which he won for David Morley on Ravir.

Thorner was forced to pull up Professor Plum on the second circuit because the horse was hanging so badly to his right. At one stage Thorner had both hands on the left rein in an attempt to get him round the left-hand bend at the top of the course and he told me later that that ride had just taken 10 years off his life. And coming from one so tough that was indeed some remark.

Bighorn will attempt a repeat victory in the Geoffrey Eliot Memorial Handicap Steeplechase at Worcester tomorrow. The veteran gelding has been set to carry 11st 2lb, 15lb more than when successful in the corresponding Sabrina Handicap Steeplechase 12 months ago.

Indian Emperor, who ended last season with five consecutive victories over fences, reappears in Kelso's Berwickshire Handicap Steeplechase tomorrow. James Walton, the trainer's son, has the mount as usual.

Richard Evans, a jockey, who fractured his right wrist when Prince Hill slipped up at Taunton last month, is to see a specialist next week. Richard, who has been plagued by injury in recent seasons, said: "The wrist feels as though it is mending correctly, but I will have to talk to my specialist before deciding when I shall resume".



Oui Monsieur takes the last hurdle behind Naughty B, before going on to win.

STATE OF GOING (official): Folkestone: Steeplechase, good. Hurdles, good to soft. Hexham: good to firm. Hereford: good to firm. Tomorrow: Newbury: Steeplechase, good to soft. Hurdles, soft. Worcester: good. Kelso: good.

Tamalin on the right mark in Hennessy

By Michael Seely

The embers of the flat season were finally extinguished at Doncaster on Saturday. The Minstrel's supreme courage has already assured the little colt of immortality. But it is the flashes of sheer class that set the imagination on fire and the memories of 1977 that I shall cherish are Artaius's complete annihilation of his field in the Sussex Stakes and the brilliant but wayward Marinsky's domination of his rivals in the July Cup.

Besides the trainers Michael Phillips had space to mention in his review yesterday, Bruce Hobbs, Michael Stoute, Michael Easterby and Bill Watts all enjoyed their best season. The jockey who established himself firmly in the front rank was Geoffrey Baxter. The split-second timing shown on Calibina in the Stewards Cup, and again when winning the Jockey Club Cup on Grey Baron, places Baxter among the top riders in the land.

Now it is off with the old and on with the new. The steeplechasers have been hard at work since July 30, but now the pattern for the important races to come has started to form. From the little jumping I have watched so far, the five horses I would like to have on my side in their immediate engagements are Tamalin, The Dealer, Kas, Ballet Lord and True Wish.

Tamalin's performance when beaten only one and a half lengths by Zeta's Son in last year's Hennessy Gold Cup, conceding the winner 18lb, was one of outstanding merit, judged by any yardstick. He never reproduced that form and won only one race at Newcastle.

After a poor showing in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Tamalin was dropped in the weights. He easily beat Forest King at Carlisle on his reappearance and must be regarded as being extremely leniently treated in this season's Hennessy with 11st. Tamalin must have the ground on the soft side and, provided he gets it, will run in the Supermaster Handicap at Wetherby on Friday. Success in that event will entail no further penalty for the big race at Newbury.

My other four are well-known hurdlers, who have shown aptitude over fences in their only outings in their new role. The Dealer jumped superbly when second to Kilbroney at Ascot. Given all the time in the world by John Francome, he flicked over his fences like an old hand, but did not challenge the fitter winner until between the last two fences. Next time out it should be a different story. The Black and White Gold Cup at Ascot on November 19 is The Dealer's most important immediate target, but he will have a race beforehand.

Ballet Lord and Kas were lengths clear of their nearest opponents when Ballet Lord brought his rival down at the last fence at Doncaster on Friday. Both look certain future winners. The same applies to True Wish, who delighted Tony and Michael Dickinson when chasing home Another Dolly at Cheltenham last week.

The Dickinsons have withdrawn their five intended runners from Hexham this afternoon because of the firm ground. In the absence of Gay Spartan, Forest King looks the obvious choice for the Roman Wall Handicap Steeplechase. But Forest King needs a yielding surface and I intend opposing him with Arthur Stephenson's Brown Barman, who is over a stone better off with Ken Hogg's eight-year-old for a seven length beating at Newcastle. Other likely winners at Hexham are Confluence in the Corstopitum Handicap Hurdle and Mallow in the second edition of the Borcovicus Novices Hurdle.

At Hereford, Tim Forster, whose well-run stable is just swinging into form, can capture part two of the second division of the Helpful Hand Novices Hurdle, with Burridge who finished like a train when third to Fury Boy at Sandown. Burridge is a confident selection.

Grand National prospect sold for 9,600 guineas

The Gent, one of the north's leading handicap steeplechasers and a prospect for next year's Grand National, was sold for 9,600 guineas at Ascot Sales yesterday. A prolific winner over hurdles and fences for Arthur Stephenson's stable, The Gent will now race in the colours of Terence Booth and joins the 30-horse team of Milton Bradley.

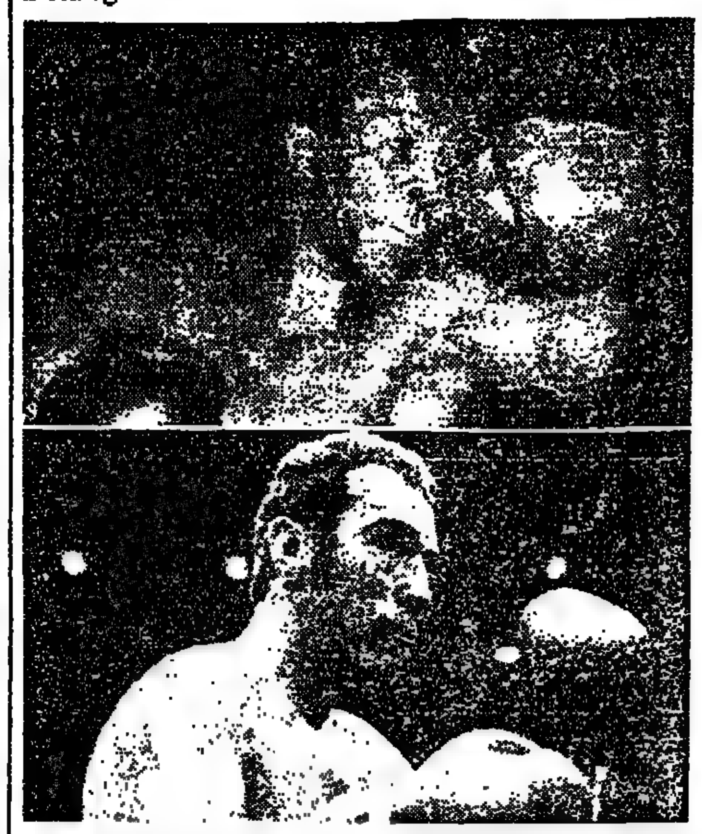
"The Gent jumps so well, the Grand National must be our target", Mr Booth said. "We saw the horse race on television several times last season and thought he was the sort of animal to give us a lot of fun." The Gent will be a first Grand National runner for Bradley, who has done so well in recent seasons with two cheap buys, Mighty Marine and Olga's Mead.

Two leading trainers, Denys Smith and Tim Forster, both bought horses to race in their own colours. Smith gave 5,200 guineas for Peter Walwyn's two-year-old colt, Regency Elite, who was placed at Bath and Doncaster this season. Forster bought Lady Wates's steeplechaser, Kelly's Hero, for 3,200 guineas.

It would have been unfortunate if the odds-on favourite Sunrise Hill had lost the Moseley Steeplechase at Wolverhampton yesterday after his controversial disqualification at Ludlow 11 days ago. As he did on that occasion, this rising young steeplechaser, trained by David Nicholson for Lord Vestey's brother, Mark, gave a fine display of jumping to lead all the way in the hands of Jeffrey King.

So David Nicholson who bought the five-year-old Sunrise Hill unbroken from Ireland two years ago and King had to endure another long stewards' inquiry.

Boxing



Two southpaws who believe in their right to a world championship chance. Hope (above), who defends his European title and Minter, who challenges for a British title.

Finnegan victory will not settle the issue

By Srikumar Sen

Two of the stoutest hearts in British boxing, Kevin Finnegan, the British middleweight champion, and Alan Minter, a former European champion, meet for the third time at Wembley tonight to try to settle an argument that started two years ago. The British title will also be at stake. A full house is expected, which could mean double the usual decibels for a Wembley bout and £25,000 apiece for the boxers.

But will the argument be settled? I doubt it. Minter already leads 2—0 and again the bout should go the distance with only a fraction in it. It could, however, end with a cut-eye defeat for one, possibly Minter, which would be unsatisfactory. A draw? Unthinkable. The only solution is for one of them to win on a knockout. Some hope!

Which reminds me before the shouting starts. They and their clans will have to share the hall with another, and technically more important bout, the light-middleweight championship of Europe, which is being defended by the World Boxing Council's number one contender, Antiguan-born Maurice Hope, against Joel Bonnetaz, of France.

But to get back to the purely domestic scene, Finnegan is convinced he won the last two encounters and he will be determined to settle accounts in full this time. Minter, on the other hand, has had a disappointing year. He was badly mauled by the American, Ronnie Harris, six months ago and then lost his title to Gratien Tonna, of France, because of a cut forehead of all things, just when he had the measure of Tonna and a world title chance in his sights. Harris and Tonna have since pulled out of the station and left the two Britons standing on the platform looking askance at Harry Levene, who says he will try and fix up a world title bout as soon as possible.

The decision of the world champion, Rodrigo Valdes, to stay on top as long as possible after he had threatened to retire is not good news for those in the queue. And Minter, like Mr Duranty, cannot wait for long, though it is not because he has only two changes of clothes. He and his manager are ready to go into the restaurant business. Not a prescription for a hungry fighter. However, be that as it may, Minter can be relied on to give his all tonight. But I feel it will be Finnegan's day.

Minter's southpaw stance is no longer a deterrent to Finnegan, who has the standard reply of a right cross ready for delivery on the invitation of dropped hands. Minter says he will not make the same mistakes this time but I believe he stands too square for a non-bustling southpaw and his left eye will catch a lot of rights. Neither boxer has the kind of whiplash blows one expects from middleweights of world class so it will be a long and bloody fight. Minter will have to keep a cool head and time his punches well if he is to win.

In September as I waited for the doors of the Empire Pool to open for the Green-Price bout I saw Hope standing among the crowd looking for all the world like a spectator. No one in the queue spoke to him and I'm not sure a ticket tout didn't try to sell him a ticket. He is a quiet man, but in the ring he is more the extrovert, taking the contest to his opponent. Tonight his opponent is regarded as something of a Luxembourg in World Cup football. Bonnetaz's best win has been against the veteran Emile Griffith, and beyond that he has not met anyone the class of Hope.

So it should not be too difficult fo rHope to take the final step to the world championship bout with Rocy Mattioli, of Italy. Hope is also a southpaw and provided he does not get in a tangle when the Frenchman does not do his bidding he should prove too good for Bonnetaz.

London choose US marine at middleweight

London has chosen Alfred Styles, an American serviceman from Philadelphia, as their middleweight in the team to box Tel Aviv at the Royal Garden Hotel, London, next Monday. Styles, a United States Marine, is eligible to box for London as a member of the Kingston Amateur Boxing Club.

He is selected on the strength of an impressive performance in his first contest in Britain last week. Styles could also be in line for an even more interesting assignment, for London against New York, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on November 28.

The question is to be discussed by London ABA and the American Service Authorities. He is stationed in Britain for three years and, as a member of an affiliated club, he is presumably eligible

ENGLAND AMATEUR: v Romania, at Liverpool Stadium on November 30: Light-flyweight: P. Fletcher (St Teresa's, Liverpool). Bantam: G. Nicholls (Hollington, London). Feather: A. Owens (Reading). Light: G. Gilbody (St Helens). Light-welter: C. Sentgar (Empire, Bristol), W. Green (Royal Navy). Welter: G. Walker (Hogarth, London). Light-middle: T. Heffron (Oldham). Middle: P. Lynch (Kensington, Liverpool). Light-heavy: R. Christie (Birmingham City). Heavy: A. Palmer (Gold Gloves, Liverpool).

YOUNG ENGLAND: v Young Ireland, at Royal Lancaster Hotel, London on November 21: Bantam: D. Turner (Hull Fish Trade). Feather: P. Hanlon (Gloucester). Light: M. Nicette (Torbay) and B. McKinley (Cavendish, Manchester). Light-welter: S. Smith (Fitzroy Lodge, London), D. Jenkinson (Birkenhead). Welter: G. Gilpin (Wolverhampton). Light-middle: J. Courtney (South Oxhey).

PAIRINGS: Young England v England, at Cunard Hotel, London, on December 13 (Young England names first): Light-fly: A. Davidson (Colchester) v J. Dawson (Boston). Bantam: J. Turner (Hull Fish Trade) v G. Nicholls (Hollington). Feather: T. Cooke (The Hill, Coventry) v V. Penrose (Devonport). Feather: P. Hanlon (Gloucester) v J. Trainor (Cavendish, Manchester). Light-welter: R. McKinley (Cavendish) v T. Marsh (St George's, Stepney). Light-welter: S. Smith (Fitzroy Lodge, London) v W. Green (Royal Navy). Welter: S. Lee (Wisbech) v E. Byrne (Leamington). Light-middle: J. Courtney (South Oxhey) v S. Johnson (St Helens).

Ali insists on $12m to meet Norton

Las Vegas, Nov 7.— Sooner or later, Muhammad Ali knows he is going to be in the ring again with Ken Norton and the 35-year-old world heavyweight champion is not overjoyed at that prospect. Ali, who suffered a broken jaw in his first bout with Norton and escaped with two controversial decisions in their next two meetings, was literally cheering at the ringside for Jimmy Young to win on Saturday night.

Norton's split-decision triumph in the 15-round contest came as a painful surprise to Ali, who claims he will stick to his demand of a $12m purse to soothe the pain. Don King, a promoter, says he can get Ali $8m or maybe even $9m, will that satisfy the champion?

Ali, attired in a black three-piece business suit, said: "No. I got to have $12m, 'cause after taxes, I still only get $4m. It's my last fight and I got to have it to retire."

Mr King thinks money, whatever the final figure, and a champion's pride will bring the fourth Ali-Norton bout to the nation's gambling capital. He also said that he was entertaining spiralling offers from other locations, including Hawaii and Montreal. "I'd love to bring that fight here", the boxing entrepreneur said yesterday during a break from meetings with officials of Caesar's Palace.

Ali is already scheduled for a title defence at the Las Vegas Hilton on February 15 against the winner of the November 18 match between the ninth-ranked Alfio Righetti, of Italy, and a former Olympic champion, Leon Spinks. If Spinks wins, as expected, in the bout promoted by Bob Arum, King's chief rival in the boxing business, he will be trying to take the crown away from Ali in only his eighth professional contest.

Folkestone programme

1.15 BURWASH HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o novices: £440: 2m 200yd)
1 41 King Jamie, A. Neaves, 11-3 .... Mr P. O'Connor 7
2 1 Rube's Wicket, J. Gifford, 11-3 .... R. Champion
3 Duke William, P. Mitchell, 10-10 .... P. Mitchell 5
4 0 French Saint, D. Morley, 10-10 .... B. Davies
5 French Singer, T. M. Jones, 10-10 .... D. Sunderland
6 00 Mingalles, D. Jermy, 10-10 .... J. Suthern
10 0 Misty Brook, A. Davison, 10-10 .... G. Gracey 5
11 22 Ruthless Image, D. Underwood, 10-10 .... J. King
12 San Patricio, G. Harwood, 10-10 .... G. Lawson
13 Sovereign Ford, C. Benstead, 10-10 .... R. Atkins
16 Westering Home, S. Mellor, 10-10 .... P. Blacker
3-1 Rube's Wicket, 7-2 Westering Home, 6-1 San Patricio, 13-2 Ruthless Image, 8-1 French Saint, 12-1 King Jamie, 14-1 Mingalles, 16-1 Sovereign Ford, 25-1 others.

1.45 BIDDENDEN HURDLE (£341: 2m 200yd)
3 21002 Come Spring, W. Guest, 8-11-12 .... J. Guest
5 0410- Complicity, J. Parrett, 11-11-12 .... —
8 0- The Shute, G. Ripley, 9-11-12 .... —
10 pp0- Scotmoss, R. Wall, 7-11-7 .... —
11 00000-0 The Merrickstan, P. K. Mitchell, 8-11-7 .... R. Hughes
13 00-3ub0 Sirette, A. Davison, 4-11-3 .... G. Gracey 5
14 0- Tudors Runabout, Mrs N. Birch, 4-11-3 .... —
6-4 Come Spring, 11-4 Complicity, 11-2 The Merrickstan, 8-1 The Shute, Sirette, 16-1 Scotmoss, 20-1 Tudors Runabout.

2.15 HEATHFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £790: 3m)
2 403140 Jave River, S. Mellor, 8-11-10 .... J. Rowe 7
3 pf Royal Exchange, J. Gifford, 9-11-9 .... —
4 0f0414- Coolishall (D), P. Cundell, 8-11-8 .... M. O'Halloran
6 1p-p Top of the Form (D), T. M. Jones, 9-10-9 .... —
8 3p1-p Marshall Croft, C. Boan, 8-10-5 .... Mrs P. O'Connor 7
9 0pf-004 Moon Trip (D), M. Connell, 9-10-4 .... J. Barlow 5
7-4 Jave River, 5-2 Coolishall, 4-1 Royal Exchange, 7-1 Moon Trip, 12-1 Marshall Croft, Top of the Form.

2.45 APPLEDORE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,073: 2½m)
3 2- Easy Commission, D. Morley, 5-11-3 .... B. Davies
4 00100- Mourndyke, L. Holt, 8-11-3 .... R. Atkins
6 p00-314 Jan Stewer (D), J. Gifford, 7-10-13 .... R. Rowe 7
8 004010- Foolsome, L. Bowman, 5-10-8 .... N. Holman 7
9 4130-00 Genovese (C,D), D. Grissell, 8-10-7 .... R. Linley
12 00-2240 Merchant Prince (D), H. O'Neill, 5-10-0 .... —
13 0-0403 Ardent Portion, G. Harwood, 7-10-0 .... G. Lawson
14 0110p-p Don Fazard (D), R. Wall, 6-10-0 .... J. Barlow 5
15 320400 Atmani, P. Mitchell, 9-10-0 .... R. Hughes
16 40310-0 Otago Gold (C,D), A. Moore, 8-10-0 .... G. Graney 5
18 p Suliman, C. Balding, 5-10-0 .... R. Bailey
19 4-2 Reine Beau, E. Beeson, 7-10-0 .... R. Goldstein 7
20 f00f0-0 Golden Breeze, R. Ledger, 4-10-0 .... Mrs N. Ledger 7
3-1 Jan Stewer, 4-1 Reine Beau, 6-1 Easy Commission, 8-1 Mourndyke, Ardent Portion, 12-1 Merchant Prince, Sulimanit, Atman, 16-1 Otago Gold, Genovese, 20-1 Foolsome, 25-1 others.

3.15 HERSTMONCEUX STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £513: 2m 100yd)
2 02000-1 Saintly Purchase, D. Morley, 8-12-0 .... B. Davies
3 Big Boss, G. Ripley, 6-11-7 .... A. Anderson 7
5 pp000p- Bill's Brother, P. Allingham, 8-11-7 .... I. Gebbie 7
6 0p00-p3 Daventry, J. Long, 5-11-7 .... P. Haynes
8 04f00- Gamlingay, R. Blakeney, 6-11-7 .... R. Linley
9 00203-0 Heidelberg, Mrs D. Oughton, 8-11-7 .... Mr D. Oughton 7
11 00003-f Marleymix, M. Bolton, 5-11-7 .... R. Rowell
13 0031-24 Old Smokey, M. Bolton, 8-11-7 .... J. Francome
14 24300-4 Tiepolino, J. Gifford, 5-11-7 .... R. Champion
15 0231p1- Trustful, S. Mellor, 6-11-7 .... P. Blacker
16 00000- Snow M, W. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... M. Kington
9-4 Saintly Purchase, 4-1 Tiepolino, 11-2 Trustful, 13-2 Heidelberg, 8-1 Old Smokey, 12-1 Marleymix, Daventry, 16-1 Gamlingay, Big Boss, 20-1 others.

3.45 BURWASH HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £449: 2m 200yd)
3 Centaur Star, D. Underwood, 10-10 .... J. King
4 342 Chichester Bird, R. Smyth, 10-10 .... R. Forsyth 7
5 Clothes Line, A. Pitt, 10-10 .... Miss R. Sanders 5
6 Dance Major, J. Long, 10-10 .... P. Upson 5
7 Doubtful George, W. Stephenson, 10-10 .... S. Hives 5
8 p Easter Gale, G. Ripley, 10-10 .... A. Anderson 7
9 0 Great Pal, R. Smyth, 10-10 .... R. Hughes
11 Mill Miss, A. Neaves, 10-10 .... Mr P. O'Connor 7
12 0 Miss Deed, D. Ringer, 10-10 .... S. McNeill 7
13 0 Mount Stephen, D. Jermy, 10-10 .... J. Stephen
16 0 Mummy's Star, S. Mellor, 10-10 .... R. Champion
17 0 Raw Deal, P. Arthur, 10-10 .... J. Moran 7
19 Therbie, R. Madgwick, 10-10 .... S. Smith Eccles
21 Whinney Brae, G. Kindersley, 10-10 .... C. Watkins 7
9-4 Chichester Bird, 4-1 Mummy's Star, 7-1 Raw Deal, Whinney Brae, Centaur Star, 12-1 Great Pal, Mount Stephen, 14-1 Miss Deed, 16-1 Clothes Line, 25-1 others.

Folkestone selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.15 WESTERING HOME is specially recommended. 1.45 Come Spring. 2.15 Coolishall. 2.45 Reine Beau. 3.15 Trustful. 3.45 Mummy's Star.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.15 French Saint. 1.45 Come Spring. 2.45 Easy Commission. 3.15 Saintly Purchase. 3.45 Miss Deed.

Hexham programme

1.0 BORCOVICUS HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m)
1 30-0241 Roman Dawn, K. Hogg, 5-12-0 .... P. Charlton 3
3 341 Newgate (C-D), A. Scott, 4-11-10 .... J. O'Neill
4 Doro, Mrs S. Lamyman, 6-11-4 .... R. James
6 00p- Royvoe, C. Lamb, 6-11-4 .... R. Lamb
8 000000- Re-Look, W. Atkinson, 6-11-4 .... D. Munro
11 11-0030 Satalia, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-4 .... —
13 f2000-0 Beau Brigg, R. Cross, 4-11-0 .... S. Charlton 5
14 Colonel Cracker, F. Walton, 4-11-0 .... Mr J. Walton
17 Jalier, J. Vickers, 4-11-0 .... N. Bamber 5
18 Long Drop, T. Fairhurst, 4-11-0 .... C. Fairhurst 5
19 p5 Mrs Walker, T. Craig, 4-11-0 .... M. Ennis 7
20 f4u Nisbet-Anne, Denys Smith, 4-11-0 .... A. Dickman
11-10 Newgate, 2-1 Roman Dawn, 8-1 Nisbet-Anne, 10-1 Satalia, 14-1 Beau Brigg, 16-1 Long Drop, 20-1 others.

1.30 HADRIAN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £712: 2m)
2 01110- Skiddaw View (C-D), J. Dixon, 10-11-2 .... J. O'Neill
3 43p3-0 Rozinante (C-D), G. Eubank, 10-10-0 .... R. Lamb
4 41023-2 Kelton Lad (C-D), T. Cuthbert, 8-10-0 .... P. Mangan
5 2002-30 Peapack (C-D), V. Thompson, 10-10-0 .... O. Holmes
Evens Skiddaw View, 2-1 Kelton Lad, 3-1 Rozinante, 20-1 Peapack.

2.0 CORSTOPITUM HURDLE (Handicap: £524: 2m)
1 000- Any Second (C,D), W. Murray, 8-12-1 .... P. Mangan
3 03001f- Just Jolly (D), T. Craig, 5-11-12 .... J. Mooney 5
4 10004-0 Daves Equal (D), T. Fairhurst, 8-11-5 .... C. Fairhurst 5
6 0311-24 Gintop (D), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-3 .... D. Faulkner
8 013131 Confluence (C,D), G. Richards, 5-10-13 .... D. Goulding
10 103310- Jane Again (C-D), W. Haigh, 7-10-10 .... P. Charlton 3
13 210030- Heckley Surprise (D), F. Walton, 5-10-3 .... Mr J. Walton
16 03300-3 Pentagon (D), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-3 .... —
5-2 Confluence, 7-2 Gintop, 5-1 Jane Again, 8-1 Pentagon, Just Jolly, 10-1 Any Second, 12-1 Daves Equal, 14-1 Heckley Surprise.

2.30 ROMAN WALL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £832: 3m)
2 400-212 Forest King (C,D), K. Hogg, 8-12-5 .... R. Barry
3 11-0010 Brown Barman (C-D), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-13 .... D. Faulkner
5 43u132- King Con (C-D), G. Renilson, 8-10-6 .... Mr P. Craggs 7
9 040p-30 Sparkle Again (C-D), C. Lamb, 11-10-1 .... R. Lamb
Evens Forest King, 5-2 Brown Barman, 9-2 King Con, 6-1 Sparkle Again.

3.0 VALLUM STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £443: 2m)
1 02p1-21 Forest Guard (D), G. Richards, 5-11-10 .... D. Goulding
2 3-21f3f Golden Express (D), J. Dodds, 8-11-10 .... J. O'Neill
3 2000-10 Marcus Lady (C), C. Lamb, 8-11-10 .... R. Lamb
4 3-0u302 Another Morley, D. Yeoman, 8-11-0 .... V. McCauley
7 0040-3 Roast Chestnut, P. Wigham, 7-11-0 .... P. Charlton 3
8 p3221-0 Royal Cacador, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-0 .... D. Faulkner
10 0- Slipped Halo, F. Walton, 5-11-0 .... Mr J. Walton
11 p20200- Thuster, Mrs J. Hamilton, 6-11-0 .... D. Turnbull 7
6-4 Forest Guard, 3-1 Golden Express, 5-1 Marcus Lady, 7-1 Another Morley, 8-1 Roast Chestnut, 12-1 Royal Cacador, 16-1 others.

3.30 BORCOVICUS HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m)
1 p1f0 Apple At Night, Mrs S. Lamyman, 5-12-0 .... Mr B. Crawford 7
2 01 Flame Bird (C-D), T. Barron, 5-12-0 .... K. Gray
3 000-0 Crosarah, F. Walton, 6-11-4 .... Mr F. Walton
5 4-0 Master Milan, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-4 .... R. Collins 3
10 0000-32 Miss Normandy, T. Barnes, 5-11-4 .... D. Johnson 7
11 p0G Om Shree, D. Jermy, 6-11-4 .... —
12 00000-0 Royaldieu, A. Corner, 5-11-4 .... P. Broderick
13 00 Sir Christopher, B. Wilkinson, 6-11-4 .... D. Atkins
14 40000-4 Snowdrift, C. Lamb, 6-11-4 .... R. Lamb
15 000002- Villiage Dusky, Denys Smith, 5-11-4 .... A. Dickman
17 0 General Synopsis, R. Oliver, 4-11-0 .... D. Turnbull 7
19 02 Mallow, R. Weymes, 4-11-0 .... D. Goulding
20 00000-4 Patient Knight, R. Cross, 4-11-0 .... S. Charlton 5
11-4 Flame Bird, 9-2 Apple At Night, 6-1 Mallow, 7-1 Master Milan, 8-1 Miss Normandy, 10-1 Royaldieu, Snowdrift, 12-1 Patient Knight, 14-1 General Synopsis, 16-1 others.

Hereford programme

12.15 HELPFUL HAND HURDLE (Div I: Part I: Novices: £272: 2½m)
1 010 Foreign Legion, C. James, 6-12-0 .... G. McNally
3 p- Ace China, R. Clay, 5-11-4 .... P. Barton
4 Another Prospect, J. Edwards, 5-11-4 .... R. J. Evans
7 Bargey Boy, C. Miller, 5-11-4 .... D. Cartwright
10 pfu- Canadian Pacific, R. Knipe, 6-11-4 .... J. Burke
18 f00000- Karella, S. Holland, 5-11-4 .... S. Holland
20 000 Movie Idol, M. Williams, 5-11-4 .... C. Jones 3
23 f0 Pickettywitch, T. Hallett, 7-11-4 .... T. Hallett
27 00 Superintendent, E. Wilson, 8-11-4 .... Maj B. Faulkner 3
31 02 Fair Brutus, D. H. Jones, 4-11-0 .... D. Cartwright
34 04-0000 The Dupesdawn, A. House, 4-11-0 .... John Williams
4-5 Foreign Legion, 4-1 Fair Brutus, 6-1 Another Prospect, 10-1 Bargey Boy, 16-1 Canadian Pacific, 20-1 others.

12.45 HELPFUL HAND HURDLE (Div II: Part I: £272: 2½m)
2 0 Abbey Style, A. Brisbourne, 6-11-4 .... Mr M. Brisbourne 5
3 3-02b04 Billy Frosty, P. Folgate, 5-11-4 .... P. Pearce
6 00-0 Calhive, J. Harris, 5-11-4 .... P. Tuck 7
9 0fu-p Clown Witness, E. Owen, jun, 5-11-4 .... R. Wilding 5
11 00- Falcons Heir, J. Old, 5-11-4 .... C. Candy
13 13000- Flora Go Lightly, J. Priday, 6-11-4 .... G. Jones
17 00- Ismoleen, T. Brookshaw, 5-11-4 .... E. Brooke 7
19 000000- Phyl's Boy, E. R. Jones, 5-11-4 .... R. Crank
23 0- Rhambala, M. Tate, 6-11-4 .... C. Smith
27 p- Whistlers Lane, I. Wardle, 7-11-4 .... M. Leak 7
30 2-40034 Mayo Melody, J. Bradley, 4-11-0 .... M. Williams
13-8 Billy Frosty, 2-1 Mayo Melody, 7-1 Flora Go Lightly, 12-1 Whistlers Lane, 14-1 Calhive, 16-1 Falcons Heir, 20-1 others.

1.15 HELPFUL HAND HURDLE (Div I: Part II: £272: 2½m)
6 004-0 Barbary Stag, W. Fisher, 6-11-4 .... A. Webb 5
11 Card School, W. James, 6-11-4 .... M. Barrett 7
13 0- Flagstaff, T. Forster, 5-11-4 .... G. Thorner
15 Love Rocket, E. R. Jones, 5-11-4 .... R. Crank
18 Lynwood, C. Knipe, 5-11-4 .... John Williams
21 40013-f Nicola Lisa, J. Peacock, 5-11-4 .... Mr C. Saunders
25 00 Speedily, S. Holmes, 6-11-4 .... Mr M. Brisbourne 7
28 0-00400 Vulgello, F. Dale, 5-11-4 .... C. Jones
32 00000-0 Island Star, P. Felgate, 4-11-0 .... J. Pearce
33 pu- Melody River, J. Edwards, 4-11-0 .... R. J. Evans
9-4 Flagstaff, 3-1 Nicola Lisa, 5-1 Melody River, 7-1 Barbary Stag, 8-1 Vulgello, 10-1 Speedily, 12-1 others.

1.45 HUGH SUMNER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £769: 2m)
2 20f00-2 Royal Thrust, F. Rimell, 8-11-10 .... J. Burke
3 2312-1f Vido (D), J. Webber, 6-11-5 .... A. Webber
4 pu1r33 Bright Fergus (C-D), M. Scudamore, 8-11-2 .... P. Duggins 5
5 31-222a Soon For Sale, I. Wardle, 5-10-7 .... M. Leak 7
6 p0-0pf Taman, J. Elwell, 10-10-0 .... Mr T. Jackson 7
13-8 Vido, 9-4 Royal Thrust, 4-1 Soon For Sale, 11-2 Bright Fergus, 20-1 Taman.

2.15 GATEWAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,213: 3m)
2 2240p-0 The Pilgaric (D), F. Rimell, 9-12-0 .... S. Morshead
3 112f01 Gummers How (C,D), D. Gandolfo, 9-11-11 .... P. Barton
4 332001 Ross Royal (C-D), J. Peacock, 9-11-5 .... Mr C. Saunders
6 4021-f2 Border Mark (C-D), C. Miller, 9-10-13 .... D. Cartwright
7 0b200-0 Sixer (C), G. Clay, 13-10-7 .... P. Warner
10 0f23p-3 Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 6-10-0 .... S. J. O'Neill 5
11 0301-34 Sicilian Son (C), M. Tate, 10-10-0 .... R. Hyett
7-4 Gummers How, 7-2 Border Mark, 9-2 Ross Royal, 6-1 Cherry God, 7-1 The Pilgaric, 10-1 others.

2.45 COMPANIONSHIP HURDLE (Handicap: £556: 2m)
1 100f0-2 Emperor's Gift (D), F. Rimell, 7-12-0 .... Mr N. Twiston-Davies 7
2 1-21430 Little Run (C-D), M. Tate, 7-11-12 .... E. Waite 7
3 000 Toussaint (C-D), M. Oliver, 5-11-12 .... Mr J. Weston 5
4 2100-00 Night Messenger (C-D), C. Miller, 5-11-8 .... D. Cartwright
5 003100- Pick Me (D), R. Hawker, 5-11-8 .... M. Dickinson
6 b- Arctic John (D), J. Bradley, 7-11-6 .... R. Hyett
8 0001-30 Creeveleca (C-D), S. Nattriss, 6-11-5 .... S. Holland
10 030-440 Patches (D), D. Gandolfo, 8-11-5 .... P. Barton
11 0100-04 Lennox (D), B. Roberts, 5-11-1 .... R. Dickin
12 204000- Ronorn (D), J. Harris, 6-10-11 .... P. Tuck 7
13 242021- *Prince Abyss, P. Arthur, 11-10-9 .... —
14 00222-0 Mallorie, B. Cambidge, 9-10-9 .... Mr J. Cambidge 7
15 0323-00 Spring Fling (D), Mrs J. Pitman, 5-10-7 .... B. Smart
16 1fp-0 Alibila (D), D. Carey, 5-10-2 .... P. Carville 7
17 pp-0 Cledas Valley, A. Lloyd, 5-10-2 .... —
20 00f-000 Angel Aboard (D), H. Payne, 7-10-0 .... G. Thorner
21 0000-4s Franky Speaking (D), S. Kernick, 5-10-0 .... N. Kernick
22 00000-0 Niswyth (D), G. Yardley, 6-10-0 .... A. Webb 5
23 200-01 King of Swing, F. Yardley, 6-10-0 .... Mr C. Price 7
24 p0040-0 Ruths Image, G. Price, 7-10-0 .... —
9-2 Little Run, 5-1 Emperor's Gift, 6-1 King of Swing, 13-2 Patches, 7-1 Creeveleca, 8-1 Spring Fling, 10-1 Night Messenger, 12-1 Lennox, 14-1 Mallorie, 16-1 others.

3.15 SELF CONFIDENCE STEEPLECHASE (£722: 2½m)
1 20-3112 Corramacorra, D. Gandolfo, 7-12-0 .... P. Barton
2 24p-134 Dornie, V. Cross, 7-11-11 .... C. Candy
5 10000-3 Kabeau (D), M. Oliver, 7-11-11 .... Mr J. Weston 5
7 03f10b- Patronage (D), J. Edwards, 7-11-11 .... H. J. Evans
9 1p040-0 Bock'n Call, M. Scudamore, 7-11-4 .... R. Kington
12 003f-04 Dolben Lass (D), J. Harris, 8-11-4 .... John Williams
13 03- Plumbers Bridge, N. Brooks, 8-11-4 .... P. Hobbs
14 00000-0 Regents Park, R. Griffiths, 9-11-4 .... T. O'Hagan 7
15 0-04020 Sparkling Tarqua, W. James, 6-11-4 .... M. Barrett 7
17 000-010 Miss Dike, A. W. Jones, 5-11-0 .... —
2-1 Corramacorra, 9-2 Sparkling Tarqua, 5-1 Kabeau, 6-1 Dornie, 8-1 Patronage, 10-1 Dolben Lass, 12-1 Miss Dike, 14-1 others.

3.45 HELPFUL HAND HURDLE (Div II: Part II: £272: 2½m)
4 f000-f April Star, R. Hawker, 6-11-4 .... Mr A. Walters 7
6 0004-3 Burridge, T. Forster, 5-11-4 .... G. Thorner
8 0000-0 Chelwood Blue, C. James, 5-11-4 .... G. McNally
10 Delcombe, R. Pugh, 5-11-4 .... Mr R. Woolley
13 Five Straight, O. O'Neill, 5-11-4 .... Mr M. Caswell 7
15 p0-p Callo's Girl, F. Dale, 5-11-4 .... Mr G. Jones
18 0- Little Kiser, G. M. Price, 5-11-4 .... C. Price 7
20 p Pick Your Way, A. Stroud, 5-11-4 .... John Williams
26 00000- Timoshenko, F. Rimell, 5-11-4 .... J. Burke
28 340- Wriggling, Miss D. Guilding, 5-11-4 .... —
31 00 No Reflection, D. H. Jones, 4-11-0 .... D. Cartwright
1-2 Burridge, 6-1 No Reflection, 8-1 Wriggling, 10-1 Timoshenko, 14-1 Five Straight, 16-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

Hereford selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.15 Foreign Legion. 12.45 Billy Frosty. 1.15 Flagstaff. 1.45 Royal Thrust. 2.15 Gummer's How 2.45 Emperor's Gift. 3.15 Corramacorra. 3.45 BURRIDGE is specially recommended.

Hexham selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Newgate. 1.30 Skiddaw View. 2.0 Confluence. 2.30 BROWN BARMAN is specially recommended. 3.0 Forest Guard. 3.30 Mallow.

Wolverhampton results

1.15 (1.16) MOSELEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £549: 2m)
Sunrise Hill, b g, by Master Owen—Arklow Lass (M. Vestey), 5-10-13 .. J. King (10-11 fav) 1
Fox Run ...... C. Smith (7-2) 2
Kevin's Slipper N. Tinkler (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rue d'Or (f), 10-1 Star of Israel (b), 20-1 Gentle Rose (ur), 33-1 Bagdad Gold (4th), Cartoon Time (f), Double Lie (p). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 14p, 67p; dual forecast, 36p. D. Nicholson, Stow-on-the-Wold. 3l, 15l.

1.45 (1.46) KENILWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £647: 2m)
Birdland, br g, by Mon Fetiche—Wild Duck (Mrs G. Reeve), 9-12-0 J. J. O'Neill (evens fav) 1
Transformation C. Candy (3-1) 2
Knock On S. Morshead (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-2 Granny's Gift (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; dual forecast, 31p. M. H. Easterby, Malton. 2l, 10l.

2.15 (2.17) SUTTON HURDLE (Handicap: £631: 2m 7f)
Regent Dancer, b g, by Prince Regent—Balsania (Brook Hire Ltd), 4-9-12 M. Barrett (9-1) 1
Only a Monkey .. D. Munro (4-1) 2
Barclays Own .. J. Pearce (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Streakland (f), 5-1 Bugle Boy, 10-1 Slap Happy (b), 14-1 Priddy Friendly (4th), 16-1 Nutshell (p), Firing Line, 20-1 Tumble Rock, 33-1 Raise You Again, Caleta Prince (p), Daring Dolly, Yachtsman (p). 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.36; places, 31p, 32p, £2.94; dual forecast, £1.84. D. Barons, Kingsbridge. 6l, 6l.

2.45 (2.50) REYNOLDSTOWN PATTERN HURDLE (£1,638: 2¾m)
Zarzaitine, br g, by Murrayfield—Finesse (T. Hammond), 5-10-9 J. Burke (11-8 fav) 1
Slips .... P. J. Kelly (14-1) 2
O'Conna .. Mr J. Cambidge (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Selby, 10-1 Court Circus, 11-1 Stay Quiet (4th), 12-1 Heriot (p), Lanka (u), 16-1 Victa Steel, 50-1 Saucy Dove, Timber Brook (p), Wayward Man (p). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 11p, 32p, 33p; dual forecast, £4.31. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 12l, 2l.

3.15 (3.19) CHARLECOTE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £690: 3m)
Kick On, b g, by Talawalk II—Blue Moss (K. Lewis), 10-11-6 R. Hyett (16-1) 1
Spacer ...... S. Holland (100-30) 2
Ballygarvan Brook I. Watkinson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Honey Blue, 6-1 Lingus, 9-1 Pensive Prince (f), 10-1 Capuchin (4th), Yellow Stone. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.91; places, 59p, 11p, 15p; dual forecast, £5.04. K. Lewis, at St Clears. Hd, 5l.

3.45 (3.51) TOWER HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £575: 2m)
Mexican Silk, b g, by Shantung—Popacatepetl (Miss A. Burdall), 10-7 ...... P. J. Kelly (16-1) 1
Wood Demon I. Watkinson (25-1) 2
Charlormede .... C. Smith (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Endorsement, 5-1 Roaming Minstrel, 7-1 Blue Streaker (s), 10-1 Lantern Boy, 12-1 Royal Gala (4th), General Augustus, 20-1 Garbally Girl, Gayway Lad, 25-1 Jack Donorr, The Opposition, 33-1 Falton, Diamond Divine, Fanshawe Fabiola, Golden Murry, Gracious Spirit, Porlcure, Weigh-in First, Wicken Folly. 21 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.48; places, 34p, £1.85, 35p; dual forecast, £13.09. G. Vergette, at Market Drayton. 4l, hd. Dollie Case did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Regent Dancer, Kick On, £16.70. TREBLE: Birdland, Zarzaitine, Mexican Silk, £110.85.

Fontwell Park

1.0 (1.1) BOXGROVE HURDLE (Handicap: £471: 2m 1f)
Somersal, ch g, by Will Somers—Chamousel (M. Jones), 6-10-4 R. C. Bailey (5-1 jt fav) 1
Jillikins .... P. Burgoyne (20-1) 2
Kallogam .. D. Jeffries (5-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Faithful Mate, 7-1 Tickets, 10-1 Bonidon, Dark Sky, 12-1 Fair Streak, Merry Leap, 14-1 Scots Gambol, Sandwich Bay, 16-1 Golden Ensign, Be True (4th), 20-1 Tacaronte, Heartstring, Gang Warfare. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 14p, 99p, 15p, £1.48; dual forecast, £12.26. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 2l, 5l.

1.30 (1.31) PETWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £830: 3¼m)
Ivors, ch g, by Perspex—Colines Bridge (Mrs G. Maxwell), 6-11-0 P. Haynes (13-2) 1
Flying Prince, M. O'Halloran (4-1) 2
Tiepolo .... P. Hobbs (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Kitty Belle (f), 4-1 Ringchat (p), 16-1 Glanfield (p), 33-1 Laybrook Lad (f), Boogie Knight (p). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 94p; places, 24p, 11p, 33p; dual forecast, £1.60. D. Kent, at Chichester. 12l, 20l.

2.0 (2.2) SILVER JUBILEE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,702: 2m 1f)
Oui Monsieur, b g, by Levanter—Melody Call (Mrs T. Gosling), 10-13 A. Webb (8-1) 1
Naughty B .. J. Francome (3-1) 2
Freight Forwarder .. I. Cox (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Sunhat, 3-1 Swallow Prince (4th), 16-1 Jogger, 20-1 Koa Rangi, Letteralian. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 23p, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.26. T. Gosling, at Epsom. 2l, 3l. Divinity, Room Service did not run.

2.30 (2.31) NORFOLK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £789: 2¾m)
Mister Know All, b g, by Master Owen — Nursery (Mrs H. Hooker), 8-11-6 Mr G. Sloan (7-4 jt fav) 1
Calculator .. Mr R. Isgar (12-1) 2
The Clerk Mr C. Saunders (7-4 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Number Engaged (4th), 12-1 Gay Menicon (f), 14-1 Tinker Boy. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 16p, 74p; dual forecast, £5.46. J. Gifford, Findon. 7l, 3l. Le Jet did not run.

3.0 (3.1) BURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £945: 3¼m)
Colonel Mustard, b g, by Rabirio—Vera Lily (Mrs M. Wiggins), 9-12-0 G. Thorner (5-6 fav) 1
Doo'Cot Park B. R. Davies (5-2) 2
Ringarose .. S. Parkyn (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sodale VI (4th), 20-1 Advocate (r). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p; dual forecast, 26p. T. Forster, Wantage. 3l, 15l.

3.30 (3.31) GORING HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £586: 2m 1f)
Ravir, b g, by Carvin—Nasa (J. Adeane), 10-10 B. R. Davies (10-1) 1
Liva Spark M. Banham (11-2) 2
Royal Judgement R. Rowe (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Princely (4th), 12-1 Versailles Prince, 14-1 Omega, 20-1 Professor Plum (p), Salvo Star, 25-1 Octogenarian, 33-1 Ben Scarlet, Bujoli, Golda M. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 99p; places, 28p, 34p, 24p; dual forecast, £3.52. D. Morley, Bury St Edmunds. ½l, 3l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Oui Monsieur, Colonel Mustard, £9.75. TREBLE: Ivors, Mister Know All, Ravir, £392.40.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins 5, New York Islanders 3; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Vancouver Canucks 2; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Atlanta Flames 3; Detroit Red Wings 4, Cleveland Barons 1; Buffalo Sabres 7, St Louis Blues 1.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Edmonton Oilers 7, Houston Aeros 1; New England Whalers 5, Cincinnati Stingers 2.

Motor rally

NOUMEA (New Caledonia): Safari Rally: 1, Dunkerton and Beaumont (Australia), Datsun, 105.284; 2, Grallan (New Caledonia) and Hone (Australia), Mitsubishi, 109.339; 3, Gauxeras and Pommelot (New Caledonia), Peugeot 504, 118.728; 4, Pasquier and Pellerin (New Caledonia), Volkswagen, 123.532.

Yachting

CABO FRIO (Brazil): World Laser championships: First regatta: 1, J. Pimentel; 2, I. Brown (Canada); 3, K. P. Stohl (W Germany); 4, E. Kessl (Switzerland); 5, K. Fawcett (GB). Second regatta: 1, Stohl; 2, P. Commette (US); 3, J. Boyd (Canada); 4, C. Von Arnholt (Netherlands); 5, G. Knapp (US).

Real tennis

HAMPTON COURT: First round, inter-club knockout tournament: Royal Tennis Court beat Oxford Seniors, 3—0. M. Evans beat A. Gouby, 6—2, 6—1; F. Robinson beat C. Baker, 6—3, 6—1; M. Glover and M. Carter beat J. Cook and M. Snell, 6—3, 6—1.

HA XI at Fenner's

The team to represent the Hockey Association against Cambridge University at Fenner's tomorrow will be selected from 13 players currently in the England under-21 squad. The match will start at 2.30 p.m.

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John Player draw

The draw for the third round of the John Player Rugby League Trophy made in Leeds yesterday is:

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Matches to be played on the weekend of November 19.

Tennis

STOCKHOLM: W. Martin (US) beat O. Palmer (Sweden), 6—3, 6—1; B. Teacher (US) beat L. Elvstrom (Denmark), 6—5, 7—5; Phillips-Moore (Australia) beat G. Aropez (Sweden), 6—2, 1—6, 7—5.

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O. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

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O. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of FLAIRCROFT BUILDERS (SOUTH WALES) Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation). Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London EC2V 7DS, on Wednesday the 23rd day of November, 1977, at 10.05 a.m. to be followed at 10.10 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings of the conduct of the Winding-Up.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1977.

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Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to Preferential Creditors is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 23rd November 1977 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of MARTSRACK INVESTMENTS Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation). Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Wednesday the 23rd day of November, 1977, at 9.55 a.m. to be followed at 10 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings of the conduct of the Winding-Up.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1977

O. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of H. R. PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES Limited T/A "PHOTOBITS". Nature of Business: Dealers in photographic equipment.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th October 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 22nd November 1977, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LP, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of TEUKIE HOLDINGS Limited. Nature of Business: Financiers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.

CREDITORS 22nd November 1977, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of MOXPALM Limited. Nature of Business: Shipping Agents.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 21st November 1977, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 3.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of ADAM HOWARD FASHIONS Limited. Nature of Business: Ladies Fashion Manufacturers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17th October 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.

CREDITORS 22nd November 1977, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LP, at 3.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

TENDERS FOR GREATER LONDON BILLS

1. The Greater London Council hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Accountant's Office (Bank Buildings), Bank of England, London, EC2R 8EU, on Monday, 14th November, at 12 noon for Greater London Bills to be issued in conformity with the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act, 1967, to the amount of £35,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000, £100,000 or £250,000. They will be dated Thursday, 17th November, 1977, and will be due 91 days after date, without days of grace.

3. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £25,000, and must specify the net amount per cent (being a multiple of one new halfpenny) which will be given for the amount applied for.

4. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

5. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

6. Notification will be sent by post, on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England, by means of cash or by draft or cheque drawn on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November, 1977.

7. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained either from the Bank of England, or from the Council's Offices at The County Hall.

8. The Greater London Council reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

M. F. STONEFROST, Comptroller of Financial Services.
THE COUNTY HALL, LONDON, SE1 7PB.
7th November, 1977.

TRANSFER BOOKS

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Calgary & Edmonton Railway 4% Debenture Stock

In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest due 1st January, 1978, on the above Stocks, the Transfer books will be closed at 3.30 p.m. on 1st December, 1977, and will be re-opened on 3rd January, 1978.

R. R. PAUL, Deputy Secretary.
9 Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 4AQ.
7th November, 1977.

BRITISH TRANSPORT DOCKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the TRANSFER REGISTERS of the Southampton Harbour Board 6¾% Redeemable Stock 1985/1990 will be closed from 17th November, 1977 to 30th November, 1977, both dates inclusive, for preparation of Interest Warrants.

C. T. DOLLIMORE, Registrar.
Town Quay Offices, Town Quay, Southampton. 2nd November, 1977.

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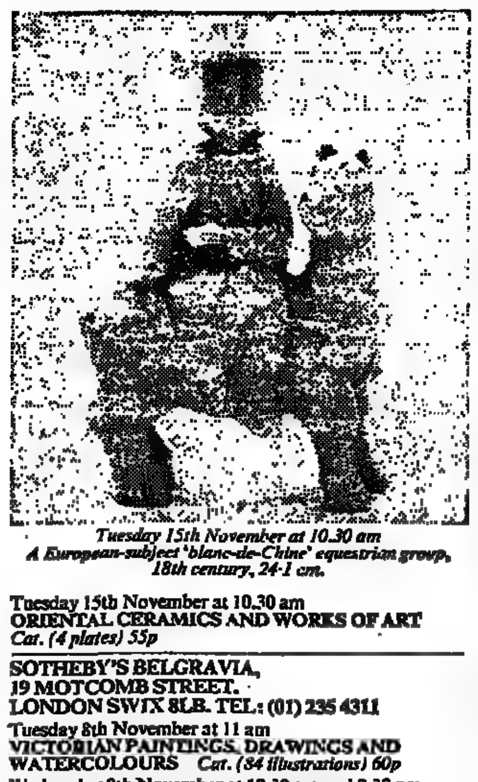

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Furniture, Carpets, Objects of Art and Clocks.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 2 p.m.
English and Continental Pictures.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 10.30 a.m.
Works of Art.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 2 p.m.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 2 p.m.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 10.30 a.m.
Printed Books.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 10.30 a.m.
Old and Modern Silver.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 2 p.m.
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Tues., 15 Nov.—1.30 p.m.
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Wednesday, 9th November at 10.30 a.m.
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Friday, 11th November at 11 a.m.
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THE TIMES

Social Focus

More doubts in the case of Cooper and McMahon

David Cooper and Michael McMahon are now in their eighth year of imprisonment for a crime they probably did not commit. Their case, which has already created a legal precedent, is once again under consideration by the Home Secretary of the day, and all the indications are that Mr Rees is having as much trouble with it as did his predecessor, Mr Roy Jenkins.

The two men were convicted in 1970 of the murder of a Luton postmaster. Since then they have come before the Court of Appeal on three separate occasions, two of the appeals being at the request of the Home Secretary. Both their solicitors are convinced of their innocence, to the unusual extent of involving themselves in a campaign to clear them. Several MPs have interested themselves in the case, as has the organization Justice. Even the authorities of the prison in which one of them is serving his time have made it clear, by their conduct towards him and his family, that they regard him as guiltless.

Now, the Home Secretary has been provided with two additional items of evidence which the most recent Court of Appeal, in July, 1976, did not have before it. One is an affidavit by a new witness testifying to the fact that McMahon was elsewhere at the time of the murder.

The other is evidence by the former Soho pornographer James Humphries. He claims that Kenneth Drury, the former head of Scotland Yard's flying squad, now in jail for various corruption offences, had talked to him about the Luton case, in which he had been in charge of the investigation. He had, according to Humphries, mentioned that he had "had a drink"—slang for accepting bribes—on the Luton case, and that the whole expedition had been set up by the main prosecution witness against Cooper and McMahon.

That evidence was not available ot the Court of Appeal last year because Drury had at that time not been tried. At his trial it was accepted that Humphries, one of the main witnesses, had told the truth, and it was largely on his evidence that Drury was convicted. Humphries was even given early parole for his cooperation in getting Drury and other corrupt detectives convicted.

The details of the Luton case are complicated, but the main aspects can be easily outlined. The murder took place in 1969. At the trial the main prosecution witness was Alfred Matthews, a man with a long and serious criminal record, who said he was on the robbing expedition which ultimately resulted in the murder. He turned Queen's evidence and named the others with him as Cooper, McMahon and one Patrick Murphy.

In 1973, Murphy's conviction was quashed, after the Court of Appeal had heard the evidence of a witness claiming to have seen Murphy elsewhere at the relevant time. The Home Secretary referred the case of Cooper and McMahon to the Court of Appeal, on the basis that the quashing of Murphy's conviction suggested that Matthews might have been wrong about the other two men as well. The court, however, without hearing the evidence of Matthews, who was available to give it, took the view that there was nothing to suggest that his identification of Cooper and McMahon was open to question.

Subsequently, further evidence relevant of Cooper and McMahon was open to Home Secretary who again referred the case to the Court of Appeal. This time, the court heard Matthews (as well as other witnesses) in full.

The appeal judges specifically accepted that the case against Cooper and McMahon stood or fell on the evidence of Matthews. There was no corroboration. In their judgments, the judges referred to parts of Matthews's evidence as being unconvincing. They referred to him as a liar. One judge called some of his evidence a cock and bull story. But in spite of the scorn they poured on much of what Matthews has told them, they concluded that he had been truthful in naming Cooper and McMahon as the perpetrators of the Luton murder.

At the moment, the Home Secretary is awaiting a final report by Detective Chief Superintendent Roy Ranson, who is looking into the new evidence from Mr Richard Hurn, who describes seeing McMahon on the day of the murder. Mr Hurn could not himself remember the date, but other facts have pinpointed it to that day. The evidence came to light only recently, by accident, Mr Hurn having known McMahon only as "Mackie" and thus not having associated reports of the Luton case with him.

That, in addition to the evidence from Humphries about Drury, may cause the Home Secretary to think again about the case. He has been asked to recommend the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy. It is almost certain, however, that he will not make a third reference to the Court of Appeal. That procedure is now under heavy attack from a number of sources, including Justice, which is at present looking into alternative ways to review the evidence in cases of alleged doubtful convictions.

Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

The safety net our system of criminal justice needs

The cases of David Cooper and Michael McMahon, outlined above, are a disturbing illustration of the shortcomings of our method of dealing with appeals against conviction.

All criminal justice systems are vulnerable to human error, but many have recognized the fact and established effective appellate procedures that allow for subsequent correction. In England, however, the chances of a man who has been wrongly convicted establishing his innocence are dangerously slim. An excessive regard for financial considerations and sheer expediency has long since made our judiciary, in the exercise of its appellate duties, and our executive, in the exercise of its duty of review, unwilling to resift questions of fact which someone has already decided. The result is the real possibility that errors in our courts are slipping through unexposed.

The capacity for error starts with the cherished institution of trial by jury. Jurors are, of course, a safeguard against professional and prosecution-minded tribunals, but, no doubt precisely because they are laymen, they are not required to give reasons for their verdicts so no one knows exactly how they came to be reached. One difficulty is that because jurors hear only the admissible evidence relevant to a particular defendant and not all of the facts relevant to the crime, verdicts may sometimes be based on an incomplete or even an inaccurate picture of events.

The absence of any reasons makes an appeal based on the facts of the case (as opposed to the law) extremely difficult, and the Court of Appeal now virtually refuses to interfere unless the verdict *as a whole* can be shown to be unsafe or clearly perverse.

Such a hurdle probably makes excellent practical sense if our appeal courts are not to become hopelessly overburdened, but the stark consequences is that we are failing to provide an effective appellate system on issues of fact. Juries are not only trusted to have considered the issues properly but are required to be silent about how it was done. Perhaps a large part of the reason for not probing the secrets of the jury room is the fear of what such a probe might reveal.

Practicalities impose a further restraint on convicted men. Unlike in many Continental systems, we only allow them to appeal once no matter what new evidence may later come to light. If unsuccessful, their only recourse is to enter the "no-man's land" between the courts and the executive and petition the Home Office for review of their cases.

Each year, the Criminal Department at the Home Office receives about 4,000 such petitions. Many are inarticulate and are made without the benefit of any advice, since petitioners have no rights at all and are not entitled to legal aid. Normally the only hope is to try to persuade an MP or unofficial organization, such as Justice or the National Council for Civil Liberties, to sponsor the petition and to mount a persistent campaign in the hope of attracting some publicity.

The Criminal Department is, moreover, ill-equipped to review such a quantity of cases efficiently. Not only is it chronically understaffed, so that administrative delay inevitably prolongs any original injustice—as happened for example in the celebrated case of Laszlo Virag—but its procedures are also unsuitable. The petitioner cannot make oral representations and is virtually required to adduce new circumstances which point to the certainty of his innocence rather than its probability: normally, in cases of substance, the Home Office requests a senior police officer to conduct a special investigation and to report, and such investigations—although never published—are known frequently to lack objectivity.

If, in the end, the fresh circumstances still throw strong doubt on the original conviction, then the Home Secretary may "refer" the case back to the Court of Appeal for further hearing. The court's rigid approach to the function of review is, however, being regarded with growing disillusion by both lawyers and the executive. Many now believe that references should only be made in cases involving complex points of law and that the final review of all other cases should be decided by a system which operates completely outside the courts.

The idea of some kind of independent review tribunal with more flexible rules of evidence and procedure has been mooted on several occasions, most recently by the Devlin Committee in 1976. Devlin put little flesh on the idea beyond suggesting that it might be staffed by those with experience of criminal appellate work and that "the feasibility of creating such a tribunal should be studied within the Home Office". To date, both Mr Roy Jenkins, and latterly Mr Merlyn Rees, have decided against undertaking such a study and have settled for resting on existing procedures, but a committee of Justice is currently studying the problem.

The details of the scheme remain to be worked out. The priorities would be to arrange adequate staffing, publish a readily comprehensible set of rules showing the limits of the scheme, make available legal aid and representation in certain circumstances and allow for at least the possibility of an oral hearing, and to supply reasons—which is not done at present—when petitions are dismissed.

The suitable body to examine and work out the scheme as a whole would be a Royal Commission and it is regrettable that when, last June, the Home Secretary announced such a commission into the position of suspects, its terms of reference did not follow through to cover an examination of their position as convicted men.

The objections to such a scheme are not difficult to anticipate. It will be said that it challenges the authority of the courts and undermines our legal system. Yet, in practice, it would do no such thing. It would remove the flaw in the quality of our criminal justice and provide a safety net for those men who would otherwise be on the public conscience.

Jonathan Caplan

Giving schizophrenics a better chance

The mental illness schizophrenia is still one of the greatest scourges of modern living. One person in 100 in Britain still gets this devastating mental illness, and when I entered psychiatry more than 30 years ago only one in three patients ever recovered, mostly taking three or more years, in hospital or at home, to do so. The remaining two thirds drifted into chronic madness in hospitals or incapacity in their homes. It is hard to estimate the mental suffering that schizophrenia still causes today, both to the patients and to all those dear to them.

Forty years ago there was no specialized treatment except psychoanalysis, and I myself watched two lady psychotherapists striving to help these patients with it over months, in an asylum, with absolutely no success. Occupational therapy consisted of farm work, and patients might not be seen by a consultant psychiatrist for five years on end, until the next certificate to continue detaining them had to be signed.

Suddenly from 1936 onwards, a wave of new physical treatments for schizophrenia started to sweep over the mental hospitals of Britain and other countries. Insulin coma, drug and then electric convulsion therapby, and modified frontal brain operations, despite the frenzied opposition from philosophically and intellectually oriented psychiatrists, started to make about 50 per cent of early schizophrenic patients better much more rapidly. But we had still no means of maintaining their recovery, so that relapse was only too frequent, and one could just not go on repeating these physical treatments indefinitely on the same patient.

But what we did see was that the two thirds of supposed "chronics" were really not chronic at all, if only treatments could be found which would stabilize the rather drastic treatments often needed to bring many of them back to their senses, and keep them well afterwards.

In 1952 it was discovered in France that a group of drugs called the phenothiazines could help schizophrenics, and this altered the whole treatment situation.

The phenothiazines can now either be given by mouth or in weekly or monthly depot injections. With their use alone, many more patients now gradually get better, but it may take months when the drug is used alone. Combining all the treatments now available to us presents a totally different picture to the two thirds of patients who used to be "chronic" before the last war.

Several years ago two quite different and substantial groups of patients suffering from schizophrenia were followed up two years after being treated at St Thomas's. It was found that more than 80 per cent of them were at home, and mostly at work, with an average of only six weeks' hospital treatment necessary. But it was very intensive treatment. The patient would be given the phenothiazines, electric shock therapy to break up all the delusional thought processes, and a modified form of insulin treatment which helped them to regain the lost weight and dampen down anxiety. They would be sent out and maintained on the phenothiazines. Relapse often occurred if these drugs were temporarily stopped. No psychotherapy or special occupational therapy was needed.

Despite such pleasing results, there has been a tendency in recent years for many doctors to go back to reliance on the phenothiazines alone, which may enormously increase the length of patients' stays in mental hospitals, and prolong the tremendous suffering of the patients and their relatives.

Two further advances are at present showing even more promising findings. In one, the period in hospital can be shortened to very few weeks indeed. The patient is admitted, put under a light and semi-continuous sleep treatment, and while asleep, ECT and drugs are given to break up the abnormal behaviour patterns, and insulin also used, where necessary, to speed up recovery in marked weight loss and general weakness. Furthermore, the addition of modified sleep throughout the whole time of treatment—up to six or more weeks—is the equivalent of giving an anaesthetic in a surgical operation. There is no memory of the treatment period when the patient is brought out of sleep and is in his right mind again. There is, in fact, no longer any need for people to suffer the agonies of a long schizophrenic or depressive illness, and treatments such as ECT, which cause such dread to so many patients, can be given without his ever knowing he had had it, if legally permissible. These patients, of course, still have to remain on the phenothiazines for several years afterwards to keep them well.

The second recent advance is even more exciting. It is now generally recognized all over the world that a simple mineral, lithium carbonate, stops or greatly modifies manic-depressive psychosis, an illness in which patients switch from sometimes long periods of deep depression to equally long periods of frenzied elation. How such a simple mineral works is not known and, of course, it casts great doubt on all the previous psychological theories of the causation of this mental illness, making much psychoanalytic theory look plainly ridiculous.

Many schizophrenics likewise have attacks of excitement, but with added delusional ideas and hallucinations, and then other periods of illness when they sit deeply depressed. They are too often diagnosed as "deteriorating schizophrenics", and are sent to the chronic wards. Such cases will still be found in hundreds in the back wards of mental hospitals all over England, with their cries for help being effectively dampened by the giving of tremendous doses of phenothiazines.

All one has to do with many of these cases is to greatly lower the dose of phenothiazines, substitute a therapeutic dose of lithium, and possibly add an anti-depressant drug. The patient will then emerge from his "chronic", supposedly deteriorating schizophrenia into normality, and the lithium, and much smaller doses of phenothiazines, will keep him stabilized and well.

Ignoring all forms of psychotherapy, one should now easily be able to make 80 per cent of schizophrenics well again in a very short time, provided the patient has had, before the illness started, a proven ability to cope with life's many ordinary problems and has not been a totally inadequate person from a very early age. Psychiatry has still not found the means of turning a sow's ear into a silk purse by any drug or talk therapy. One can only restore the personality present before illness, unless one is prepared to use one of the increasingly modified and now relatively harmless forms of leucotomy lessening chronic tensions. This operation is becoming less and less necessary when all the other treatments are used to their maximum effectiveness, and the patients are not just kept quiet in their chronic and acute wards with large doses of the phenothiazines.

William Sargant

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Law Report November 7 1977 — Queen's Bench Division

£112,000 for man whose brain was damaged during operation

Bolton v Essex Area Health Authority and Another
Before Mr Justice Thompson

A factory production manager who suffered permanent brain damage as a result of an anaesthetist's negligence during an operation was awarded £112,187 damages against the area health authority.

His Lordship gave judgment in that sum, which included £40,000 in respect of pain, suffering and loss of amenity, for the plaintiff, Mr Victor Bolton, aged 53, of Thorrington, Colchester, Essex, in an action brought by him against the Essex Area Health Authority and the anaesthetist, Dr Bilquis Taqui.

Mr Richard Rougier, QC, and Mr Nicholas Chambers for Mr Bolton; Mr Adrian Whitfield for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in consequence of an accident involving Mr Bolton's car and a van in 1975, Mr Bolton was taken to St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, where he underwent an abdominal operation. In the course of the operation he suffered "prolonged oxygen starvation in consequence whereof he suffered severe brain damage".

Dr Taqui was the anaesthetist in charge during the operation. It was admitted that it was because of neglect on her part that Mr Bolton so suffered and also that she and the authority were liable to Mr Bolton in damages.

It was agreed that Mr Bolton's brain damage was permanent. In consequence he was paralysed and unable to speak and his sight was so damaged that he could only distinguish between light and dark. He was totally dependent on others. He could neither feed himself nor attend to his toilet needs.

Before the accident, Mr Bolton was described as having been a cheerful and dynamic man, a hard worker, an extrovert with a great store of energy who played as eagerly as he worked.

Mr Bolton's intellect appeared to have escaped damage. He could understand and could also communicate, although not properly or easily. He had not lost control of his bladder or bowels and was seldom incontinent.

He was still in hospital. Since last August he had been coming home for periods of one to four days. He wanted to come home and be looked after there. His wife wanted him to come home, and the doctors favoured the idea.

His Lordship accepted that in the interests of Mr Bolton's happiness and general well-being home would be better than hospital. He also accepted that at home Mr Bolton would be less exposed to the risk of infection than in hospital.

There had been experimental weekends at home and his wife had been getting accustomed to managing him. But there were things she could not do, such as getting him into a bath. There were also things she could do but from which she would require rest and relief.

At the time of the accident Mr Bolton worked in a factory at Edmonton, where he had been employed since 1947. He had been a pattern moulder and had risen from being a manual worker on the shop floor to a production manager with 600 to 700 men under him. His Lordship was satisfied that he would have taken his next and (probably) final step up in the industrial hierarchy and become works manager.

That conclusion affected the amounts to be allowed for special damage, loss of earnings to date of trial and prospective loss of earnings in the general damages assessment.

There was disagreement between the doctors as to Mr Bolton's expectation of life, but 10 years seemed right. On that basis, it was agreed that the multiplier should be seven, and general damages calculated on that basis would be £38,395.

Using the same multiplier, his Lordship awarded £20,000 in respect of nursing home costs and nursing assistance for Mrs Bolton.

He awarded a further £13,792 in respect of other items of claim, including £2,355 expenses in moving to a bungalow to be near his daughter and son-in-law; £5,000 for his wife's nursing services; and £4,500 for his son-in-law's loss of earnings due to a change of jobs so that he could give more assistance to Mr Bolton.

His Lordship then considered damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenity. Mr Bolton could communicate, but it was laborious for him to spell out to his wife the words in which his thought was expressed. She thought his intellect was about the same as it had been, and she was guided and advised by him about all matters that had to be decided. He knew Morse code and could tap out—for he had use in his arms—messages intelligible to anyone who knew the code. Having regard to the impairment and impediment in his powers of communication, his Lordship would award £40,000 for pain, suffering and loss of amenity.

Judgment was accordingly given for Mr Bolton for £112,187 with costs.

Solicitors: Rowe & Maw; Mr T. R. Dibley; Le Brasseur & Oakley.

Chancery Division

Evidence on striking out applications

In re Caines (deceased)
Knapman v Servian and Another
Before Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment delivered October 31]

Order 18, rule 19(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court (striking out pleadings and endorsements), is directed against the admission of evidence that seeks to support or disprove the contention that no reasonable cause of action is disclosed, not against an affidavit which has as its purpose the disclosure of an action. No doubt under the rules the court itself could exclude evidence, despite the failure of any of the parties to object to it and there must be some cases in which exclusion of the evidence would be wrong.

His Lordship, in a reserved judgment, dismissed a summons under Order 18, rule 19(1)(a) issued by the defendants, Mr Cecil Servian and Mr Frank Kenneth Liddiard Hives, seeking an order that the action began by an originating summons by the plaintiff, Mr Eric David Knapman, should be dismissed on the ground that Mr Knapman had no locus standi to bring the proceedings and that the proceedings disclosed no cause of action.

Rule 19 provides: "(1) The Court may . . . order to be struck out or amended any pleading or the indorsement of any writ in the action, or anything in any pleading or in the indorsement, on the ground that—(a) it discloses no reasonable cause of action. . . . (2) No evidence shall be admissible on an application under paragraph (1)(a). (3) This rule shall, so far as applicable, apply to an originating summons and a petition as if the summons or petition, as the case may be, were a pleading."

Mr Jonathan Playford for the defendants; Mr R. M. K. Gray for Mr Knapman.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in the originating summons Mr Knapman stated that he was a beneficiary under the will of the testator, Henry Edward Ingram Caines, deceased. He sought an order for the administration of the testator's real and personal estate, with all necessary and proper accounts, directions and inquiries.

The procedure summons before his Lordship, seeking the dismissal of the proceedings was taken out under rule 19(1)(a) relating to pleading or indorsements of a writ that disclosed no reasonable cause of action.

Mr Gray argued that in hearing the procedure summons the court must look only at the originating summons for the purpose of deciding whether it disclosed any reasonable cause of action. The court must not look at Mr Knapman's affidavit in support of the originating summons.

Most of the material that in an action by writ was provided by the statement of claim was normally provided under an originating summons by the affidavit in support of the originating summons. But that affidavit, Mr Gray said, was evidence, and so was something that in obedience to rule 19(2) his Lordship must not look at. Accordingly, it was impossible for the defendants to show that the originating summons disclosed no cause of action.

His Lordship thought that the operation of rule 19 in the case of an originating summons was something that the Rule Committee might with advantage consider. If Mr Gray's submission was sound, the application of the rule to an originating summons was likely to be nugatory in most cases.

In the present case, three considerations pointed to rule 19(1) being given its full scope in relation to the originating summons. First, if instead of "so far as applicable" in rule 19(3) the words had been "with any necessary modifications", then they would have given greater support for the contention that rule 19(1) applied generally to an originating summons. But even the phrase "so far as applicable" could be read as permitting and requiring some degree of flexibility in applying a rule drafted for writs and pleadings to an originating summons.

Second, under rule 19(2) evidence was to be inadmissible "on" an application under rule 19(1) (a). In other words, when an application was made under rule 19(1)(a), the applicant could not put in evidence to support his application and the respondent could not put in evidence to refute the application. An application under the rule was not to be made into a preliminary hearing; but that ought not to enable a party to object to any affidavit that had already been put in for the purpose of supporting the originating summons; for such an affidavit was not evidence "on" the application but evidence which antedated the application and was put in for a different purpose.

Third, the master told counsel when the procedure summons came before him that he had read the affidavit in support of the originating summons. That affidavit was, accordingly, not formally read to him, but the argument on both sides proceeded on the footing that the affidavit was duly before the master and no objection to it was made. Accordingly, the position before his Lordship was that Mr Gray was objecting to the admissibility of Mr Knapman's own affidavit which, without objection, formed the basis of the argument before the master. Mr Gray contended that although the proceedings before his Lordship were not an appeal from the master but merely an adjournment, the proceedings had now reached a new stage, and it was open to him to object to what he had not objected before.

An answer to that was in what his Lordship called the unity of proceedings in the Chancery Division. When proceedings were adjourned from the master to the judge, it produced no separate proceedings, or even a separate stage in the proceedings; it was merely a continuation of the proceedings taken before the master. In Chancery theory, such an adjournment was no more a break in the proceedings than was an adjournment of a hearing before the judge from one day to the next: *Leeds v Lewis* ((1858) 3 Jur NS 1290) and *In re Mitchell* ((1863) 33 LJ Ch 187). Further, an order in fact made by a master was nevertheless treated as being an order of the judge: *Lloyds Bank Ltd v Princes Royal Colliery Co Ltd (No 2)* ((1900) 48 WR 427). The fact that an order of the master no longer bore the name of the judge had not altered the principle. His Lordship did not consider that rule 19(2) amounted to an absolute prohibition against looking at Mr Knapman's affidavit.

On reading the affidavit the following facts emerged. The testator died on June 30, 1975, leaving a will dated December 10, 1974, and two codicils. The will appointed the two defendants to be executors and trustees. They duly proved the will and codicils. By the will, the testator devised "my freehold dwelling house" to his trustees on trust for sale and to hold the proceeds of sale and the net rents and profits until sale in trust to pay the net income to his wife for her life and after her death, as to capital and income, in trust for Mr Knapman. By his second codicil, the testator gave "all my share and interest in the net proceeds of sale and the net rents and profits until sale" of the house upon the trusts declared in the will as to the house. That codicil was necessary because it had emerged that the house was not the testator's sole property but belonged to him and his wife, so that he was beneficially entitled only to an interest under a trust for sale of the house.

The testator was survived by his widow for a little over four months. Not long before her death, Mr Knapman's solicitors had inquired of the defendants' solicitors about the exact nature of the testator's interest in the house, and in particular whether he had been a joint tenant and, if that was the case, any severance of the joint tenancy had taken place. The information elicited was that the testator had been a joint tenant with his wife; that he had signed a notice of severance, but that as he was in hospital suffering from cancer (from which he died a week later), and his wife was a mental patient, the notice had not been served on her; if the joint tenancy had not been severed the testator's interest passed by survivorship to his wife. The gift to Mr Knapman was thus adeemed and so failed.

On those facts, one possible line of action for Mr Knapman to consider was to sue the testator's solicitors for damages for their failure to serve the notice of severance in time. The obvious difficulty in that was that the solicitors could say that although they owed a duty of care to the testator, they owed none to Mr Knapman, who was not their client, and so they could not be guilty of a breach of any duty of care owed to him.

The position was a variant of the familiar story of the legatee whose complaint was that a legacy to him had failed because of some negligence in the solicitor in preparing the will, and that he was left without remedy: *Robertson v Fleming* ((1861) 4 Macq 167), a House of Lords decision in a Scottish appeal. In other jurisdictions, means had been found of providing the disappointed legatee with a remedy (see (1965) 81 LQR 478); but so far as his Lordship knew these had not yet found a place in English law.

By his originating summons Mr Knapman was seeking to require the executors to bring proceedings for negligence against the testator's solicitors for their failure to swell his estate, or prevent its reduction, in omitting to serve the notice of severance in due time. The proposed action was necessarily based on a foundation that at the moment of his death the testator was a joint tenant of the house. If, instead, he was a tenant in common then Mr Knapman appeared plainly to be beneficially entitled to the testator's half share in the house; and on that footing there was prima facie no claim for negligence against the solicitors. Accordingly, a crucial question was whether or not the testator was a joint tenant when he died.

On the issue of severance, it could not be said that it was clear beyond doubt that Mr Knapman's claim was wholly unarguable on the face of it. There were obvious difficulties in his path, but to say that his chances of succeeding seemed at present to be small was not to say that his case was unarguable. The procedure summons should, therefore, be dismissed and the action allowed to proceed.

Solicitors: Davies, Arnold & Cooper; Waterhouse & Co for Hart, Brown & Co, Guildford.

Partial residence, full tax

Neubergh v Inland Revenue Commissioners

The special charge levied by section 41 of the Finance Act, 1968, on individuals whose aggregate investment income for the year 1967-68 exceeded £3,000 plus the amount of his surtax personal allowances, imposed full liability on a person who was not domiciled in the United Kingdom but who had been a United Kingdom resident since 1919 but who had moved abroad during the 1967-68 tax year.

MR JUSTICE BRIGHTMAN, dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Felix Neubergh, against an assessment on him to the special charge in the amount of £8,258, said that the taxpayer had sought to persuade him that there was an implication in section 41(3) of the Act to the effect that as an individual was liable to pay the special charge only if he was domiciled or resident at some time during 1967-68, by parity of reasoning he ought not to be liable for the charge to the extent of investment income arising after he had ceased to be so resident.

It was not possible to make any such implication: section 41(3) simply identified the individuals who were liable to the tax. Once an individual was so indentified, then subsection (1) imposed the charge to tax, and from the wording of the subsection the charge was to be computed on an annual basis. There was no provision for partial liability or for any form of apportionment of the tax that related to the income arising during the period prior to the taxpayer's departure.

Murder intent point certified

Regina v Williamson
Regina v Ellerton

A point of law of general public importance is involved in the question whether a person is guilty of murder by reason of his unlawfully killing another, intending to do grievous bodily harm.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Swanwick and Mr Justice Wien) so certified under section 33(2) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. Their Lordships dismissed appeals by Anthony Colin Williamson, aged 22, of Coventry, and Stephen Ellerton, aged 20, of Bradford, both Coldstream Guardsmen, from their conviction at Reading Crown Court (Mr Justice Chapman) of the murder of Mr James Davidson, aged 24, of Slough.

In delivering the court's judgment on the appeal, Lord Justice Lawton said that the defendants had been drinking in London and were on their way to the barracks at Windsor in July last year. They attacked the victim, who was unable to give them a light for their cigarettes, in a lane near Eton. Ellerton kicked the victim to death and they threw his body off a bridge into a stream.

Williamson's defence of duress was unsupported by evidence, and Ellerton's submission that the trial judge had misdirected the jury on the intent necessary for murder failed.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

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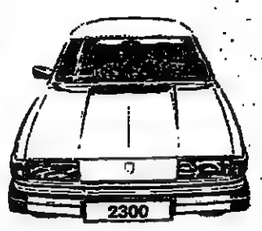

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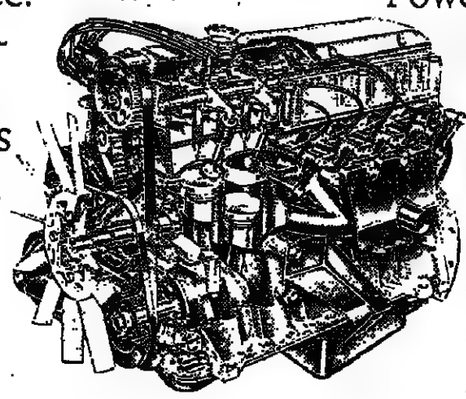

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Nicholas Bethell tells the story behind television's Russian week

The retreat from Moscow, or how the BBC played Russian roulette and lost

The front cover of *Radio Times*, with its Cyrillic lettering and cuddly brown bear on a red background, tells us that this week is Russian Week. The BBC is showing us some of the Soviet Union's proudest spectacles—opera, ballet, chess, gymnastics and military parades. It seems an admirable way to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Revolution and to fulfil the spirit of Helsinki, where we all undertook "to promote the improvement of the dissemination of filmed and broadcast information".

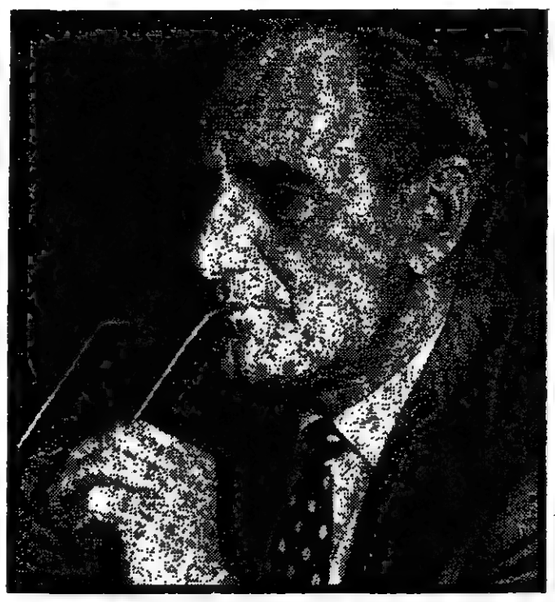
A particularly imaginative idea was dreamt up by Paul Ellis and David Mills of *The Money Programme*. They would take two British Leyland workers to a Soviet car factory, let them work on the production line and film the factory through their eyes. "Soviet television welcomed the idea with open arms. They were keen on it", says Paul Ellis. They were allowed to take their own camera crew to the town of Togliatti 600 miles east of Moscow, the home of the Soviet Fiat. They were also promised facilities to film a second-hand car market and an interview with the Minister of Automobile Production.

The *Newsday* team arranged to go to Moscow to cover yesterday's parade and to interview Foreign Minister Gromyko. Huw Wheldon spent a week at the National Hotel discussing a film about the treasures of the Kremlin. A debate on human rights, in which two British speakers would face the well-known Soviet journalists Vladimir Dunayev and Alexander Chakovsky, was also agreed in principle. The discussions involved eight trips to Moscow by senior BBC staff.

Soon after their arrival in Togliatti *The Money Programme* filmed a trade union meeting. David Mills says: "First of all the trade union leaders made it clear that their main job was to raise productivity. Then. they explained that they were appointed by the Communist Party and answerable to its local secretary. I do not think they realized the chilling effect of what they said on our British Leyland men." One of the Leyland workers asked, in all innocence, why there were so few workers' cars in the factory park and whether they had thought of introducing a discount scheme.

After this, cooperation seemed to die away. The team got only eight hours filming in the factory, instead of the four days they had been promised. They were taken to schools and ice-rinks. But they did not want to film this. They wanted to film the factory. Paul Ellis complained to Moscow that he was not getting proper facilities. But the men from Soviet television were no longer quite so friendly. They told him, "Your producer is not doing what he agreed. He is asking awkward questions. He asked about the 1968 events in Czechoslovakia. And he filmed Soviet workers who had been drinking alcohol."

The worse blow fell when the team came back to Moscow to do their promised interview with the minister. David Mills was told that the interview was cancelled, because a member of his team had been rude to Soviet workers and referred to them as "pack horses". All



Sir Huw Wheldon: in search of treasures at the Kremlin.

these accusations are quite absurd, he says. He feels that he was quite entitled to ask about Czechoslovakia, or indeed to film drunken workers, if there were any, but in fact he did not. He and his colleagues can only conclude that the charges were invented by the Soviet authorities to justify breaking the agreement.

Paul Ellis, says, "We came back from Russia with a film, but it is not the film that Soviet television agreed to allow us to make or that we wanted to make. If I had been aware of the conditions which in the end we had to accept, I should certainly not have gone to Russia at all."

This pattern was repeated in many of the other Russian Week programmes. The BBC have been provided, at a price, with Soviet ballet and gymnastics, uncontroversial films that will bring the Soviet Union prestige as well as money. But as soon as something remotely political appears, such as car manofacture, conditions are imposed that no self-respecting journalist can accept.

In the proposed human rights programme, for instance the Soviet side stipulated that there must be no Soviet dissidents in the studio audience, which the BBC accepted, then rejected the two British names put up by the BBC—at which point the BBC abandoned the project. On Saturday they will instead show a film about the imprisoned "Helsinki Group" leader, Dr Yuri Orlov.

The *Newsday* trip collapsed only last Wednesday. The problem was that its main presenter, Michael Charlton, has in the past interviewed Andrei Sakharov and Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Flight reservations had been made and rooms booked for the team to spend this week in Moscow, when Mr Valery Zemskov, of the Soviet Embassy told the BBC: "We have received an answer from Moscow about Mr Charlton's visa. The answer is that there is no reply." They might have added, as they have done in the past, that "no reply is also a reply". Anyway, they invited the BBC to replace Charlton and not to bother to send a camera crew. A Soviet crew would be provided. The BBC declined, cancelled the interviews and covered the parade from the studio in London.

The BBC's dilemma was that in theory the sixtieth anniversary was an event and an opportunity. With the right BBC-Soviet diplomacy, wonderful programmes were there for the making. Producers were excited by the challenge. Their initial approaches were greeted with enthusiasm in Moscow. But as soon as they were actually there, by which time they had spent time and money and were by any normal standards expected to produce a usable programme they were put under pressure to change the agreed formula to conform more closely to Soviet wishes.

Sometimes in the past the BBC has compromised. In the spring of 1976, for instance, they delayed a televison programme, which had been the subject of a Soviet complaint, because of a projected visit to Moscow by Director-General Charles Curran. (The Soviet authorities cancelled the visit anyway.) Producers are only human. They are bound to be tempted to accept Soviet terms in order to save a programme on which they have worked for weeks and they are not pleased when another department's programme about dissidents puts their plans at risk.

But on this occasion the BBC stood firm, preferring to cancel projects rather than produce them under intolerable conditions, even though this has meant reducing Russian Week to a shadow of what was originally planned and promised. They are bitterly disappointed, but they feel that they were right to stay away from the slippery slope of compromise. And now they have another project to divert them. In February they will be presenting China Week. And here, they say, they are getting much better cooperation.

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Security at last for oppressed Aborigines

"Wrong way, mate. Back this way for Bulman", says Alec to the pilot, about 8,000 feet above Arnhem Land, in Australia's Northern Territory. The pilot is half looking at the map on his knees, trying to pick up the Wilton river. We find Bulman, buzz the strip to get rid of some horses, and land in a haze of heat, on red earth which is longing for "the wet"

Not far away, by a cool lagoon with green, green palms, we find the buffalo shooters, with their mobile abattoirs and freezers; we learn that they owe $3,000 in royalties to the Aboriginal owners of Bulman station. But they do have a contract. They have done their negotiating—which is more than can be said for most mining companies, cattlemen, fishermen and even government departments, all trying to put off this year's new reality, that Aborigines now own almost one fifth of the Northern Territory, an area five times the size of the United Kingdom.

They own their land, mostly the former Aboriginal Reserves, by a special, inalienable freehold title, granted to Aboriginal Trusts. (The rest of the territory is still Crown Land, leased.)

It was Mr Whitlam's Labour government, early in 1973, which appointed Judge Woodward to recommend how tribal Aborigines in the Territory should be given back their land. The enabling Aboriginal Land Rights Act was passed at the end of last year by Mr Fraser's government, against some hostile lobbying by the Government's own supporters. Most Aborigines, still fearful of mining interests behind the Government, will be voting Labour in the general election on December 10.

In half a dozen electorates in north Queensland, remote Western Australia and the Territory, their votes will be influential, decisive perhaps in a couple. But in the Australian population of 14,000,000 there are only 150,000 Aborigines, of whom about 40,000 are tribal, full-blood people. Their real political power is in the Territory, where they are 26 per cent of only 100,000 people, who return two Senators and one Member of the House of Representatives.

Their most direct influence is in the Territory's Legislative Assembly, for which about 75 per cent of Aborigines voted Labour in the elections in August, cutting back the Country Liberal Party's majority. Now, the deputy leader of the Labour Opposition is an Aboriginal, Mr Neville Perkins, a graduate of Sydney University. Mr Fraser has promised statehood for the Territory within three years, which means that there could just conceivably be an Aboriginal Premier within a decade. Anyway, through the Australian federal system, Aborigines will be getting much more influence in Canberra.

There is also a strong link between remote tropical Darwin and the nearby countries of South-East Asia. There is a private illegal radio link here with Fretilin forces in East Timor, and boats of refugees from Vietnam arrive regularly. Aboriginal school children from Yirrkala on Gove peninsula in Arnhem Land fly for holidays in Bali. The Northern Territory reminds Australians that they are a white minority in this part of the world; it is the black tribal Aborigines, many of whom are related to the traders who come across from Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, that provide the link with the surrounding area.

Inevitably, the Aborigines will get increasing support from Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Their political punch within Australia will be out of proportion to their numbers, whatever the backlash against that punch. Meanwhile their political awareness grows, as tribal people and others meet and mix in bodies like the government's advisory National Aboriginal Conference, which will be elected on November 12.

Above all, through land ownership at last, Aborigines are beginning to find security and peace after two centuries of oppression. From royalties will come more self-determination, less dependence upon politicians. They are growing more confident. Recently, at Borroloola in the Gulf country, I heard old men giving evidence, on oath, about their ancestors—eagles, kangaroos, snakes, dugong—who gave them their traditional title to 1,119 square miles of nearby country.

Judge Goodey, the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, who has the power to recommend to the government that they should also be given the special freehold title to the vacant Crown Land which they claim, considered the evidence, given under cross-examination by counsel for mining, fishing and cattle interests.

There are two wholly Aboriginal statutory bodies set up to represent tribal people. the Northern Land Council (based in Darwin) and the Central Land Council (based in Alice Springs). Both are employing Australian lawyers. and other professionals and academics, as well as hiring international consultants.

The Northern Land Council is being advised by Dr Nicholas Peterson, a Cambridge-trained anthropologist, who was research officer to Judge Woodward, and by Mr Stephen Zorn, a young American from New York who worked with Professor Gordon Gaundry, of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, to renegotiate the Bougainville copper agreement for the Papua New Guinea government. Mr Zorn is also an adviser to American Indians. Others in the Council's Darwin office are Aboriginal, including Mr Harold Thomas, a graduate of Adelaide University, who is part European and part Arunda, from the central desert, and part Jingili, from the monsoonal north.

The Northern Land Council's first success came in May when Judge Fox reported to the government that about 4,500 square miles just west of Arnhem Land, between the East and South Alligator rivers, should become Aboriginal Land. He also recommended that Aboriginal opposition to uranium mining at Ranger, Jabiluka and Koongarra should not be allowed to prevent its starting. However some of the environmental conditions imposed upon the companies, and the payments to Aborigines, will have to be negotiated with the Council. If the talks deadlock, then the government may appoint an arbitrator whose conclusion must be accepted.

Aborigines, like all Australians, do not own the minerals; they do own the land. this will at last give them real economic and political power. Last month, for example, Mr Nanjiwarra Amagula, one of the traditional leaders on Groote Eylandt, in the Gulf, persuaded his people to stop all the employees of a manganese mine from leaving the mining company's small mineral and special purposes leases on the island. The Aborigines hope it will force the company to renegotiate with them the 1965 agreement made with the government, to which they were not a party. They want better housing, from more royalties.

Aboriginal landowners may not be able to close established mines or prevent the opening of the new uranium mines discussed by Judge Fox, including Nabarlek in Arnhem Land; but they can say "No" to any new mining. To overcome their veto the government will have to declare a "*national interest*" in the project—in which case the Aboriginal wish will prevail only if one House of the Parliament disagrees with the government.

I do not believe that Aborigines will be "tieing up" Australian land. But they will have to be heard.

Stewart Harris

Bernard Levin

Another name to rank alongside Biko's

In view of the fact that details of the post mortem examination of Steve Biko have now become public knowledge, and make it clear that he died from brain damage and other externally inflicted physical injuries, it is unlikely that the Minister of Justice, Mr Kruger, will continue to maintain that the victim died of starvation after a week in custody ("His death leaves me cold"—laughter in the hall). But while we await his next version (over-eating, perhaps) I think it may be useful to describe another such case, in which the death took place as long ago as August last year. And when I say that it may be "useful" for me to write about this case today, I mean it in more than a general sense, for the widow of the victim has herself been detained, and is being held *incomunicado* by the police; the reason is presumably that she was not only leading the efforts to obtain a proper inquiry into her husband's death, but had initiated legal proceedings against Kruger himself. Her life is, therefore, clearly in danger, and would have been, in her circumstances, even before the actions of the past few weeks, designed as they were to destroy all serious non-violent efforts to oppose apartheid or to give help to its victims, and in particular to stifle, deflect or minimise the consequences of what will be revealed at the Biko inquest.

The dead man in the case similar to Biko's was called Mapetla Mohapi. He had been active, while at Turfloop College, in the South African Students' Organization (one of those banned in the recent swoops), and was later among the leaders of the Black People's Convention. In 1974 he was "banned" and restricted to King William's Town (he had been a resident of Durban). He occupied himself in working for the Zimele Trust, a body set up to care for former political prisoners and their families. Mohapi was 29; he had two young children. At the time of his banning he had been held in prison, in solitary confinement and of course without trial, for nearly six months. During that period he had been physically maltreated while undergoing interrogation; the police he accused included two whose names are frequently met with in such allegations about South African prisons: Captain Schoeman and Warrant Officer van Wyk. (Mohapi said that an attempt had been made to throttle him, and Captain Schoeman had threatened to hang him. Captain Schoeman "could not recall using the words".) Later, Mohapi had himself instituted proceedings, over his treatment in prison, against Kruger.

Mohapi was rearrested in July 1976, and held at the Kei Road prison, near East London. A few weeks later, it was announced that he had committed suicide by hanging. Some comments by people who knew him are relevant here.

Father Stubbs, of the Community of the Resurrection, said that Mohapi was not the kind of man who would kill himself, and that Mohapi had described to him his experiences in his previous period of detention, and made clear how well he had stood up to them; "I have no reason to believe", says Father Stubbs, "that his character was altered. He was a man of great inner resources, confidence and commitment to his cause." One of his professional colleagues says of the alleged suicide, "He was not such a man. He was a driving force behind us and a true fighter. During times of difficulty he was the one who kept us going and strong. His analysis of detention was that it was important in the struggle to survive all the blows meted out by the system."

A particularly interesting comment comes from Donald Woods, editor of the *East London Daily Despatch*: Woods knew Mohapi well, as he did Biko (he has been tireless and remorseless in his demands for an inquiry into Biko's death, and particularly in exposing Kruger's cover-up, and has now paid for his persistence by being "banned" himself), and this is what he has to say on the subject:

> I liked his sense of humour and the philosophical way he accepted petty harassment by the authorities. Not content with banning him, they kept threatening to evict him from his little house in Zwelitsha township, near King William's Town. He had been in detention before, and that hadn't got him down either. Nor had the torture of solitary confinement. Like most detainees, he knew more about the insides of prisons than about the insides of courts, never having been charged, tried or convicted of any crime.

Following Mohapi's death, an inquest was arranged. Mrs Mohapi engaged two doctors to represent the family there; both of them were promptly arrested.

The inquest was finally held, with a number of prolonged adjournments, this year, finishing in July. The Government's pathologist said that death could have been brought about by any of three causes: anoxia (lack of oxygen), suffocation, or hanging. Since the police story was that Mohapi had hanged himself, the doctor was asked whether his condition could have been caused by the instrument that the police alleged he had used; he doubted it, but thought it might have been caused by some other material. (This suggests, obviously, that Mohapi was strangled *before* being hung up in his cell.)

Much interest was provoked by the production of what purported to be a "suicide note" from Mohapi. It was addressed to Captain Schoeman, and read, "This is just to say goodbye to you. You can carry on interrogating my dead body. Perhaps you will get what you want. Your friend, Mapetla." A police witness testified that it was in Mohapi's handwriting. But Mohapi wrote a sophisticated hand (he was, after all, a university graduate) and the note was written in a random mixture of upper and lower case letters. An independent handwriting expert declared that the letter was not in the same hand as documents undoubtedly by Mohapi; "As a banker", he added, "I would never have passed the signature on the note as genuine."

It should be added that the "suicide note" was only produced the day after Mohapi's death, and not at the time; in addition, it is worth drawing attention to the extreme improbability of Mohapi leaving a suicide note not for his family or friends, or for his professional or political colleagues, but for his captor.

Nor is that all. Evidence was given at the inquest by a young African woman, Miss Thedjiwe Ntintso. She had been arrested soon after Mohapi, and held in the same prison. She had been punched and kicked, and made to undergo the "standing torture" (in which the victim is compelled to stand motionless against a wall) for three days and nights, without food, drink or a visit to the lavatory. In the week following her arrest, she said, Captain Hansen, head of the King William's Town Security Police, came to the jail, and entered her cell carrying a wet towel.

> He put the towel over my head. Then he pulled the ends over and across my neck. It made me feel I could not breathe. He held the towel like that for what seemed a long time. All the time I was struggling and threw my head back trying to get breath and was also using my hands to try to get the towel off my face. When Captain Hansen took the towel away, he said, "Now you see how Mapetla died".

Finally, friends of Mohapi's have described letters he had managed to smuggle out of the prison just before he died; none gave any suggestion that he was in anything like a suicidal state

The magistrate at the inquest found that death was caused by anoxia and suffocation as a result of hanging, and declared that it was not brought about by any act of omission or commission by any living person. But he did not deliver a formal verdict of suicide.

Since Mohapi's widow was arrested, nothing has been heard of her; there is no way in which anyone may obtain news of detained persons, not even in which prison they are being held or indeed whether they are alive or dead. Obviously, if Mohapi was killed in custody, possibly (as a medical witness who appeared on behalf of the family declared) "by an over-zealous interrogator overstepping the mark", his widow is the greatest threat to those responsible, in view of her determination to continue pressing the case. Only publicity outside South Africa can offer any protection to her against further "over-zealous interrogators"; hence this column. And that the danger is by no means fanciful or exaggerated I shall show tomorrow: I have now obtained a complete list of all those South Africans who have died in custody since 1963 while detained under the security laws, and intend to publish it here in full.

I may add, as today's footnote and tomorrow's introduction, that when, not long after the death of Mohapi, Biko was arrested (this was a previous period of detention, not the one during which he died), he found in his cell, on being ushered into it, a doll hanging by its neck, with a note attached reading "Mapetla welcomes you".

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The Times are changing, but not very much

The centenary tomorrow of John Thadeus Delane's retirement from the editor's chair at *The Times* will be reported elsewhere in this paper this week. Were he looking over my shoulder at this moment, pen poised to refine and redefine, he would find some things never change. The radical left and the Irish are still with us and there is nothing new about Grunwick or Belfast, as a dip into our internal archives reveal.

On June 2, 1848, Chartism was on the rampage, and the police were beleaguered. Yardley of the Yard wrote to Mr Delane about an allegedly subversive speech reported in the paper. Legal proceedings were in the offing "if evidence of the words spoken could be obtained."

Would the reporter or informant appear as a witness? Certainly. None of this nonsense about journalists refusing to betray their sources.

Then, to the mainland in 1870 came the pioneer Irish terrorists, but our Victorian management exuded confidence: "We are again having a Fenian scare. . . .

"I don't think it will come to anything . . . and pray do not make yourself anxious about the safety of the place for we are too big to be seriously damaged by anything short of folly on our own part."

The password

For proof of how Magnus Magnusson's television programme *Mastermind* is catching on, even among the junior populace, I would refer to you this story sent in by a reader from London NW6.

He was accosted by a small lad, asking for a penny for the guy. On being asked if he knew who Guy Fawkes was, the lad replied with engaging honesty: "Pass."

In the best of spirits, but seriously intended

I have met marginally more ghost writers—and I do not mean the surrogate variety—than I have met ghosts. To be precise, I have met only one spooky literary type, Jack Hallam, from which you can infer that I still await my first spectral encounter.

Mr Hallam is an affable, even hearty, man who works on the picture desk at *The Sunday Times*. Because he is the very opposite of lugubrious, one tends to think his obsession with the spiritual world is a bit of a jape and that his half dozen books about hauntings, of which the latest is the comprehensive *The Ghosts' Who's Who* (David and Charles, £4.95) are the fruits of his commercial opportunism.

The truth of the matter is that Mr Hallam is deadly serious about his subject. He tells me that at the age of six, when he lived in Croydon, he saw the ghost of his mother standing at the foot of his bed at about the same time she was dying in hospital. No shroud, no aura, only a slight blurring of the outline of her body.

It was that experience that whetted his curiosity about hauntings and led to his present profitable and absorbing hobby.

Not all the entries in the *Who's Who* have human affiliations. There is Jimmy, a Barbara Cartland cocker spaniel, a Wiltshire ghost train and the phantom chicken of Highgate, who was an early (1626) victim of quick frozen food technology.

Still gunning

When the British Shooting Sports Council (formerly the Long Room Committee) publicly launches itself in the House of Lords (by courtesy of Lord Swansea) on Thursday, John Farr, the MP for Harborough, will explain for the benefit of those readers who seem determined not to understand why exactly the proposed legislation on shotguns is such a bad thing.

How anyone (and there seem to be many of you) can suppose that by taking my sport and my shotgun away from me the Government will be able to prevent bank robberies, I do not know. But there we are.

It occurs to me that I was remiss last week not to mention the campaigning work done by another journal, the fortnightly *Shooting Magazine*. This organ has put (as its Editor explains) "our money where our mouth is". For every subscription received before the end of October, SM has pledged £1 to the fighting funds set up by the Shooting Sports Trust and WAGBI. The final donation figure is not yet to hand.

Never forget a worthy cause

With public attention apparently riveted to giraffes following the death of Victor, the Society Against Elephant Exploitation (which, I am told, operates on an international level) has been having a thin time of it publicity-wise.

So I put in a trunk call to the society's offices in Wales to hear that Bristol Zoo, where they are "more interested in the flowers than the animals", is shortly to be the site of a demonstration by the society about conditions in the Zoo.

Project Paraguay, of which the society is very proud, has involved the rescuing of a sick elephant from a zoo in Japan and its imminent release in the forests of Paraguay. Would not the poor beast be lonely in South America, I inquired? The society assure me that it will not, for other Asian elephants are to be transported to the steaming areas south of the Equator in the hope that a new colony will breed there.

Financing these migratory operations is, of course, tricky. Travel (by jumbo jet, normally) is not easily arranged and the society's 1,500 members are always looking for recruits and for funds.

A colleague who had to swear an oath tells me the commissioner looked quizzically at him and said: "You look normal; will the New Testament do?"

Calling, recalling, Van Gogh

My anecdote last week about Mr Francis Drake, a traveller, who was paged over Gatwick airport's public address system, is matched by one from Mr F. J. Friend, of Bushey, Watford.

While in New York, he bought a print of Van Gogh's "Purple Irises" and it was packed inside a cardboard tube with the artist's name on the outside. When checking in at the airport, he absent-mindedly left the tube at the ticket desk. An announcement came over the public address system: "Will Mr Vincent Van Gogh please report to the London check-in desk."

Mention of Van Gogh reminds me that an album containing six pages in his neat handwriting, 5,000 words in all, goes on sale at Sotheby's today.

The album belonged to the wife of the Rev Thomas Slade Jones, a headmaster of Isleworth Grammar School where Van Gogh taught art in 1876 when he was 23. The items include excerpts from the Bible, quotations from romantic writers including Micheler and Henrick Conscience, and poems such as Katherine Hankey's "Tell me the old, old story".

There is an amusing reference to Mrs Jones in a letter Van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo: "Everywhere in the London streets, they sell scented violets. I bought some for Mrs Jones to make her forget the pipe I smoke now and then. But the tobacco here is rather a gloomy weed."

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NOW THE FIREMEN

Firemen are a group of workers rather prone to industrial action, but to action of a peculiar kind. Several brigades are already restricting themselves to emergency working over their present 30 per cent claim; last year London firemen worked to rule for a month over a variety of financial and personal grievances; at the same time Belfast firemen were leaving some terrorist fires to burn because of dissatisfaction over danger money. In the summer of 1975 there was a national dispute that lasted fourteen weeks, principally to extract a promise of a normal phase one award the following November. Perhaps the long night watches waiting for the alarm to ring encourage brooding over discontents; whatever the reason, firemen are often in dispute.

But it is unlikely that a single individual was killed or put in serious danger because of any of these actions. Last year's work-to-rule was carefully contrived to ensure that there always were enough stations manned to meet expected fire-fighting needs; the Belfast men turned out readily enough if life or personal property were endangered. As Mr T. N. Watkins, general secretary of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association (which is not involved in the current action) confessed in a letter in our columns last summer; "These services cannot use the industrial strike weapon as do other trade unions. They are always more than aware of the extreme danger. . . . They therefore have to have recourse to often plainly ridiculous procedures in order to draw public attention to their plight. The Government knows well this fact . . ."

There is no reason to suppose that Britain's fire officers have suddenly lost all normal sense of responsibility. A week is a long time at the negotiating table. The threat of a strike is bound to alienate public sympathy. The disruption of services that must be involved obviously carries dangers, whether intended or not—even if a strike is not total and even if the Army is used to the greatest possible extent. Even routine work left unattended for too long can impair the effectiveness of a brigade. The Government, faced with so many more formidable and less scrupulous claimants, is clearly determined to contemplate the possibility of this strike without conceding the union's demands.

One of the odd feuds that the service is prone to concerns overtime. For fully three years the union has banned all overtime (except in emergency, of course). Neither this nor all the working-to-rule won acceptance of an ancient and reasonable claim to have the abnormally long working week of forty-eight hours reduced to forty, with additional manpower to fill the gap. Mr Rees conceded that point last week before the union decided to strike. Unlike the police, who recently accepted 10 per cent and an inquiry, the firemen have no acute recruitment problems, and no grievance about a missed phase one award.

The productivity of workers such as firemen is not easily measured. The number of people dying in fires has fallen slightly in the last three years; so has the real value of property destroyed. But the firemen may not deserve all the credit for that. What is certain is that five of them were killed on emergency service alone last year, and more than three hundred seriously injured. Their conduct yesterday should not obscure the courage and skill that their work entails. Like police and ambulance men (and other categories of workers in the public services) their responsibilities are such that in decency they cannot allow them to go undone. Governments have a special duty to ensure that the rewards of such workers do not suffer. Mr Rees has already promised to take note of the findings of an internal study of firemen's relative earnings. Perhaps permanent machinery to keep them under constant review would ease some of the existing sense of grievance. But as yet the firemen have not made out a case for an award out of line with the average pay settlements.

AN AMNESTY UNDER DURESS

Hongkong seems to have been hit by a typhoon over the weekend, which looked until last night to be a good deal uglier than had been foreseen. The crisis that arose was neatly summed up when an official of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) dialled 999 last week to call the police to deal with an invasion of its premises, including the roughing up of some of its staff, by policemen in revolt. In face of this manifestation of police anger the Hongkong Government promptly declared an amnesty for all those who might have been involved in corrupt practices before January 1 this year with the exception of those against whom warrants had already been issued, others who have already been interviewed by the commission and police or civil servants who are now living outside Hongkong.

This evoked an immediate and forceful reaction in some quarters protesting that the amnesty had been too hurriedly introduced, without sufficient consultation and was plainly conceded under duress. Its effect, it was argued, would be to cut the ground from under the uphill task of ICAC besides being grossly unjust as between those who were still likely to be tried and sentenced and those who would now benefit from the amnesty. However, when some elements of the junior police seemed to be regarding the amnesty as inadequate, and threatened to march on Government House to demonstrate if it were not made complete without exceptions, the Government even more speedily passed a new law giving the police commissioner power summarily to dismiss any officers who wilfully disobeyed orders coupled with loss of pension rights.

The threat of anarchy and the immediately imposed penalties seemed last night to have turned the tide. The police associations at all levels are said to have rallied with expressions of loyalty. Community organizations offered their support to the Government for the amnesty, albeit regretting the circumstances in which it had had to be introduced. Most of the other criticisms were also muted by the much greater danger—now diminished—of a real breakdown of authority within the police force. The hotheads among the junior police have abandoned their protest march. The outcome may still leave difficulties for ICAC but public feeling in Hongkong has shown forcibly that it wants order kept as well as corruption ended.

That is bound to be a task requiring firmness and finesse—a difficult combination. Given the endemic character of corruption in East Asian societies and given the commercial priorities in Hongkong it would be surprising if corruption had not taken root in an era of great economic expansion. In such circumstances money easily becomes the accepted mode of lubrication between business and the lower levels of the bureaucracy, between the public and some civil servants, most of all between any illegal or questionable activity and the law.

Since ICAC was formed in 1974 it has pressed its case against civil servants and police. Unfortunately the underground activities such as drug trafficking are usually run by syndicates and are marked by police squads which come to resemble corrupt syndicates themselves. Few policemen can evade the contact. Even if they refuse to join they are likely to be silenced. One could hardly pick on a harder place in which to uproot corruption than Hongkong.

DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES, SAME PROBLEMS

Ten times since 1963 the British-Polish Round Table has gathered together an assortment of politicians, officials, academics and others from the two countries to talk and drink together and try to throw a few bridges across the east-west divide. A core of regulars maintains continuity while about a third of the participants are new each time. The tenth meeting took place last weekend in Britain. Similar conferences with the Hungarians and the Russians are taking place soon but their history is much shorter. Poland enjoys a seniority appropriate to its special place in British concerns.

It would be easy but mistaken to dismiss such meetings as talking shops having no discernible influence on the hard realities of politics. They serve a number of useful purposes. They build a network of personal relations which can deepen understanding on both sides. Official contacts are necessarily constrained and are liable to be less continuous in personal terms because politicians and diplomats change jobs frequently. Informal contacts can be a valuable supplement.

The meetings also provide a continuous chart of changes in east-west relations. The Anglo-Polish conference went through some rough periods, especially around 1968. At one time it was dominated by obsessive arguments about Germany, which have now died away. A more recent and also significant change is that a free and open discussion of the internal affairs of both countries is now possible, whereas at one time Poland's internal affairs were almost wholly out of bounds. This is partly the result of détente and partly the consequence of a humbler and more self-critical spirit on both sides. With the lights going out from time to time during the conference it was hardly possible to claim that the institutional machinery for representing the interests of British workers was wholly adequate. With the Polish regime still afraid of provoking riots if it raises meat prices the equivalent claim could scarcely be made for Poland either.

Thus even with all the obvious differences of structure and ideology there was sometimes more common ground in discussions on how to manage modern industrial societies than in attempts to bridge the familiar differences over arms control and other aspects of east-west relations. Both countries recognize new challenges to their institutions, new problems in industrial relations and the need for new ideas on how to contain opposition within a political framework. In Poland discussion has been intense since the riots over higher meat prices last year, which were provoked partly by the failure of the consultations that allegedly preceded the increase.

The regime is now aware of having to live not only with a largely private peasantry and a powerful Church but also with a more educated and demanding industrial working class which has tasted power. Its answers are supposed to emerge at a special party conference early next year. Whether they will be any more effective than previous answers remains to be seen but willingness to admit the existence of a problem has not always been as open as it is now, which is at least a starting point for progress as well as a point of contact in east-west relations.

Moral Re-Armament

From Mr Gordon Wise

Sir, The fact that Moral Re-Armament is an anathema to some sections of British society, as Caroline Moorehead writes (*Times* Profile, October 31) is, I suggest, not due to any prewar links with fascism but to its consistent opposition to moral compromise. It is perhaps the reason that Mary Whitehouse comes into conflict with the same vocal group.

Opponents of Moral Re-Armament, instead of taking issue openly with absolute moral standards, put up a smoke screen called fascism, which can be confusing.

To set the record straight, Moral Re-Armament had no links with fascism either prewar or at any time. In fact the Gestapo attacked The Oxford Group for "uncompromisingly taking up a frontal position against National Socialism" in that "they encourage their members to place themselves fully beneath the Christian Cross and to oppose the Cross of the Swastika with the Cross of Christ" (see *The Times*, December 29, 1945).

Men and women of Moral Re-Armament died in concentration camps or on battlefields of World War II, winning decorations from the VC and GC downwards. As one who first came to this country as a pilot with the RAAF, I would not like to see this false impression of Moral Re-Armament left by Caroline Moorehead's profile go uncorrected.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON WISE,
Secretary, The Oxford Group/Moral Re-Armament,
12 Palace Street, SW1.
October 31.

Situation in Rhodesia

From Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP for Chertsey and Walton (Conservative)

Sir, The Bishop of Chelmsford (November 3) urges a recognition of reality about the situation in Rhodesia. He also asserts that "it is only by the negotiation of the transfer of power to the majority that the nightmare of the period of the armed struggle can be brought to an end".

This statement reveals a touching belief, rather typical of the thinking of the British Council of Churches, that at the time of transfer, all of the 3,600 armed terrorists at present operating inside Rhodesia will come in from the bush and lay down their arms. I would share the Bishop's pleasure if this happens but the signs are not propitious.

The reality is that armed clashes have already occurred between the two wings of the Patriotic Front. The reality is the intense rivalry between those fighting in the bush and those waiting to achieve the fruits of victory from the comparative safety of Salisbury. The reality is the unbridgeable nature of the inter tribal animosity. All of this is likely to mean, sadly, that unless there are adequate safeguards for black and white Rhodesians, the transfer will by no means signal the end of the armed struggle, rather will it herald the commencement of a new and bloodier phase.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PATTIE,
House of Commons.
November 4.

Thefts from cars

From Mr Tom Anderson-Slight

Sir, During the last five days no less than three cars used by my staff or family have been broken into and had their radios and cassettes stolen while parked in NCP car parks in Central London. On reporting these incidents to the police we have been told that in the last 15 days or so there have been no less than 400 similar incidents.

Car park crime is reaching epidemic proportions while the car park operators disclaim all responsibility and the police appear unable, even uninterested, in taking action to prevent it. It is surely iniquitous that motorists who go to the trouble of parking off the streets should be so victimized.

Yours faithfully,
TOM ANDERSON-SLIGHT,
Nimrod Marketing (Overseas) Ltd,
123 Mount Street, W1.
November 3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caring for works of art

From Dr Peter Cannon-Brookes

Sir, It is with great sadness that I read the strictures of Sir Hugh Casson (letter of November 1) on those lenders to art exhibitions who insist upon adequate environmental control of display galleries as a prerequisite for lending. Without wishing to become involved in the particular problems of the Somerset House galleries, it is perhaps an opportune moment to reiterate the fundamental principles which apply to all loan exhibitions.

All works of art made of organic or sensitive materials are subject to natural decay and the rate of decay depends upon the environmental conditions to which they are exposed. The traditional view, that so long as reasonable care is taken of a loan no additional deterioration takes place as a direct result of its transport and display, has in the light of modern scientific evidence been untenable for many years.

The exhibition organizer has to accept that the transportation of a fragile work of art and its display in a strange environment inevitably results in an increased rate of deterioration. Thus the exhibition organizer has a moral responsibility, both to the lender and to posterity, to assess carefully the short-term and long-term gains to be made from the exhibition in order to be certain that they are at least commensurate with that increased rate of deterioration, and to take reasonable precautions to reduce to an absolute minimum that element of the increased rate of deterioration which can be directly attributed to the environmental conditions under which the loan is to be transported and exhibited.

The responsible lender is a trustee for posterity, balancing the demands of contemporary society against those of future generations, in the clear knowledge that the life of the work of art is finite. Thus there are occasions when we must deny ourselves the selfish pleasure of exposing works of art to unstable or hostile environments and the taking for ourselves an excessive proportion of their lives. This is obviously true of watercolours and other light-sensitive works of art.

It can be argued that there are now an excessive number of art exhibitions, and the principal role of the International Exhibitions Committee of the International Council of Museums has been for the last three years one of reminding exhibition organizers of their serious responsibilities. ICOM Patronage of exhibitions is today only granted when the organizers can offer display facilities with adequate environmental control, and thus ICOM patronage offers a limited guarantee to lenders. The International Exhibitions Committee is currently preparing an Exhibition Organisers Manual covering all aspects of the organization and administration of loan exhibitions in order to add muscle to the "ICOM Guidelines for Loans" which have already been accepted as the official policy of UNESCO towards international loan exhibitions of works of art.

No doubt the windows of Burlington House, like those at Windsor Castle, will continue to be opened when the rooms become too hot, but increasing numbers of lenders will insist upon the "experts, air conditioning and humidification" which Sir Hugh Casson derides.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CANNON-BROOKES,
President, International Exhibitions Committee, ICOM,
City Museum and Art Gallery,
Birmingham.
November 3.

From Professor C. R. Dodwell

Sir, Dr Farr's article ("Saving the Bellini for Britain", November 4) is most welcome. There is, however, another very positive way in which the Government can help regional galleries with little or no expense to themselves. This is by indemnifying the costs of important exhibitions, a privilege already enjoyed by national galleries and museums in London and also, to everyone's satisfaction, by the Arts Council. These costs are a very real drain on the slender resources of the galleries in the regions.

Yours sincerely,
REGINALD DODWELL,
Director, The Whitworth Art Gallery,
Whitworth Park,
Manchester.
November 4.

The Zinoviev letter

From Mr Per Egil Hegge

Sir, May I add a detail or two to the debate about the Zinoviev letter? In her memoirs, *We Were All Supposed to Die*, as the original Swedish title could be translated, the late Mrs Aino Kuusinen, Otto Kuusinen's widow, describes the consternation in Komintern headquarters in Moscow when the letter was published in England.

The Komintern staff spotted right away that the letter was, technically speaking, a fake, because her husband's middle initial V (for Ville) was omitted in the published version. On the other hand the contents were disturbingly close to instructions that had actually been sent to British Communists from headquarters in Moscow.

To contain the damage, the Komintern staff staged a complicated cover-up operation: A British trade union delegation was invited and given a conducted tour of the Komintern archives, which had been completely purged of all damaging material, and new, faked correspondence had been put in the files. Very vividly, she describes the laughter ringing through the building as the British delegation was leaving, convinced that the Komintern had never tried to meddle in British politics.

As Lenin might have put it, the question is who fakes what.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PER EGIL HEGGE,
Washington Correspondent of *Aftenposten*, Oslo,
Washington.
November 3.

Protesting against strike disruption

From Mr Cecil Gould

Sir, We have been told, at intervals throughout at least my own life, that this country is on its last legs, and nothing supports the idea more than the resignation with which we accept without protest indignity after indignity and outrage after outrage at the hands of selfish and irresponsible minorities. We are forced to go without bread, rail and air services are dislocated and cancelled, millions are deprived of electricity, television and theatrical performances are disrupted, and what do we do? Can no one devise a means whereby the just fury of the majority can be made forcefully *visible* to the minorities?

Yours,
CECIL GOULD,
The Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
November 4.

From Mr D. S. Kenyon

Sir, We are continually hearing complaints from the trade unions about the failure of industry to invest. Yesterday I attended a board meeting where we decided to spend in excess of £100,000 on two stand-by generators, in an endeavour to counter the disruptions caused by power cuts.

This money has been taken from sums set on one side, which were earmarked for factory expansion in a development area, which would have meant more jobs and more goods for export. This expansion will naturally have to be delayed until we re-accumulate the necessary funds.

Need I say more?

Yours faithfully,
D. S. KENYON,
The Old Bakehouse,
36 Eastgate,
Hallaton,
Market Harborough,
Leicestershire.
November 3.

From Mr Adam Nicolson

Sir, In his letter published today (November 5) Brigadier Hutchins deplores the possibility of enacting "authoritarian measures now regarded as unthinkable". He nevertheless recommends "acceptance of the truth that since in a democracy every man or woman is free to choose what his work shall be, it means no loss of freedom to remove the right to strike from workers" in certain industries. This is cloud-cuckoo land. With one and a half million unemployed and disproportionately few job-vacancies, any job offered is worth taking.

It is, in addition, scarcely realistic to expect, for example, a fifty-year-old power worker to switch careers at the snap of an authoritarian finger. Ours is not a society in which everyone is free to choose what his work shall be. Until it is let no one suggest that we should deprive certain workers of their inalienable rights.

Yours sincerely,
ADAM NICOLSON,
Magdalene College,
Cambridge.
November 5.

From Mrs Susan Liddell

Sir, While I agree with Mr Dale (November 5) that there are only two choices facing us so far as wages are concerned, I believe that the "Jay" solution cannot be achieved in the near future (although it perhaps provides the most satisfactory answer in the long run), and that we are therefore faced with the necessity for a statutory policy based on job evaluation. I also believe that such a policy to be successful must have the authority of a government which really represented the wishes of our people.

I reject the monetarist policy so beloved by yourself because although it might, after terrible disruption, succeed in limiting the total wages bill, it would leave unanswered the other vital question of the *distribution* of the reward for labour. Under such a policy the greatest rewards would go, as at present, to those workers most willing and able to damage the country through strike action and this I, for one, regard as entirely unsatisfactory.

Yours etc.
SUSAN LIDDELL,
Dormans Corner,
Lingfield,
Surrey.
November 5.

From Mr William Flower

Sir, If the power workers are able to induce the present degree of dislocation simply by working to rule, is there not something fundamentally wrong with the "rules"?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM FLOWER,
84 Lancaster Close,
St Petersburgh Place, W2.
November 3.

Treatment of Mr Helms

From Professor Harry Howe Ransom

Sir, Lord George-Brown's letter (November 4) defends Richard Helms, former Director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, who has been under United States Department of Justice investigation for alleged perjury in testimony before Congressional committees probing CIA secret operations. He compares Helms's difficulties with his own experience as a responsible Minister with jurisdiction over certain British secret operations, and with the British system of secrecy and political responsibility.

Lord George-Brown would appear to have overlooked several important distinctions between the American and British system and experience:

(1) Congress has a Constitutional responsibility separate from that of the Executive and cannot function effectively if lied to by agents of the Executive Branch;

(2) the record shows that in a number of cases CIA secret operations were not under responsible political controls and lacked political legitimacy; and

(3) when called to testify, Mr Helms, in retrospect, clearly had options other than deception of Congress.

The dilemmas of secret operations by democratic governments are coped with more successfully in parliamentary governments, where executive and legislative responsibility are fused. The American separation of powers system offers a more difficult problem, but one which will not be solved by CIA directors deceiving Congress. I would certainly support the United States Federal Court's decision that this lesson must be taught, even if Mr Helms unhappily becomes the scapegoat for a widely pervasive system in which the American Executive branch has for 30 years deceived Congress about its secret operations. Besides, Mr Helms apparently will receive little more than a slap on the hand.

Sincerely,
HARRY HOWE RANSOM,
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3 Firfax View, Horsforth,
Leeds.
November 4.

Code against corruption

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, A footnote in your issue of November 3 reporting a speech of mine in Hongkong about the proposed International Chamber of Commerce code against extortion and bribery stated that a spokesman for the International Chamber had said that there was no intention of making the draft code public until the ICC Council meeting on November 29.

Not so. By a document issued on October 17, the International Chamber explicitly informed its 54 national committees that the Commission's report, together with certain comments by the ICC Executive Board, would be released for publication on November 2.

Accordingly, having in September accepted an invitation to talk to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on the subject (which had already been informed about it by the ICC's Secretary General) I committed no breach of confidence as your footnote might be thought to imply. I observe that my distinguished colleague, Monsieur Jean Rey, followed the same course but that when he spoke he identified the three European countries the opposition of certain individuals in which has caused such anxiety. I am sure that public discussion will be useful to the ICC which will surely not be pusillanimous in its fight against the growing evils of extortion and bribery.

But as Brandeis said—Sunlight is the best disinfectant.

Yours truly,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.
November 7.

Index of manuscripts

From Dr John Horden

Sir, In the report ("'Bloomsbury set' letters sold to British Library", October 24) your Arts Reporter refers to the Strachey Trust's desire to encourage the cataloguing of manuscript material. Your readers may be interested to know that work of this kind has been in progress since 1973 and that it is hoped to achieve the immediate objective within two years.

Under my editorship, latterly shared with Mr Theodore Hofmann, and assisted by a panel of editorial advisers, three full-time researchers have been compiling an *Index of English Literary Manuscripts*. This will appear in six volumes covering the years respectively 1450-1625, 1625-1700, 1700-1800, and (in two volumes) 1800-1900. The sixth volume will be an index volume and there may be supplementary volumes. It is hoped that Volume I and the earlier of the two volumes for 1800-1900 will appear in 1978. The publisher is Mansell Information/Publishing Limited.

Naturally we cannot, with this first edition, include every author of standing for whom there are extant literary manuscripts but initially we are listing the manuscripts of 270 major British and Irish authors. In addition to authors' manuscripts we intend to record contemporary transcripts, notebooks and commonplace-book versions, authors' marginal notes and corrected proof sheets and typescripts. Letters and business documents, necessarily have to be excluded though they are to be briefly described in the introduction which will be given to each author.

In due course we expect to enlarge this work with volumes recording the manuscripts of authors not included in the first edition and ultimately to achieve a substantially comprehensive reference work.

Yours faithfully,
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Director,
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School of English,
University of Leeds,
Leeds.
October 31.

Tories and laissez-faire

From Mr Mark Brady

Sir, Mr Bradley (October 28) is quite mistaken when he identifies the doctrine of laissez-faire with the Conservative Party and "the right"—an error which is all the more surprising since he cites Herbert Spencer's observation that "most of those who now pass as Liberals are Tories of a new school". Spencer recognized, as evidently Mr Bradley does not, that the Tory Party has always stood for paternalist government. Their defence of property was and remains a defence of particular property rights many of which could be maintained only in direct contravention of the requirements of justice.

Yours faithfully,
MARK BRADY,
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Constitution Hill,
Woking,
Surrey.
October 29.

Changing the BBC wavelengths

From Mr Howard Newby

Sir, Under the heading "Changing the BBC Wavelengths" (Letters, November 2) the Reverend Caryl Micklem expresses concern about the possible difficulties in receiving Radio 3 after the changes of November 1978.

If Radio 3 remained on its present frequency its night-time medium wave coverage would be of only a small proportion of the total population. When it moves to 1215 kHz 247m Mr Micklem should be able to obtain satisfactory reception both by day and by night. This will apply to many other listeners, but some will need to use VHF, particularly during the hours of darkness. Fortunately many Radio 3 listeners do so already and obtain far better reception than is possible on the medium wave band.

Putting Radio 4 on to the long wave band in November 1978 will make it available as a complete service in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This is not a plan to kill off Radio 4, as Mr I. F. Baillie (November 2) supposes. Indeed, as he lives in Edinburgh he will, in addition to this complete Radio 4 service, continue to receive Radio Scotland at exactly the same point on the dial as he does now.

Our surveys indicate that out of 38 million radio sets just under 5 million are without a long wave band, but as most households possess more than one receiver the number with no long wave capability at all is quite small. The fact is that the long wave has been a vital part of British broadcasting for over 50 years and we have consistently advised our listeners that they need a set covering all three wavebands—long, medium and VHF—to enjoy the full range of BBC radio services. Many excellent receivers of this type are available at reasonable prices.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD NEWBY,
Managing Director, Radio,
Broadcasting House, W1.
November 7.

Restrictions on shotguns

From the Editor of Shooting Magazine

Sir, I fully agree with PHS's remarks about the Government's proposed firearms legislation (*The Times*, Diary, November 4) and would like to support his appeal for members of the shooting fraternity to write to their constituency MPs opposing the proposals.

These proposals represent a distinct threat to a sport that is enjoyed by countless thousands of regular and occasional game and clay pigeon shooters. The Government's readiness to introduce more stringent restrictions on shotgun ownership—by requiring individuals to satisfy their local chiefs of police that they have good reason for owning or using a shotgun and that they have permission to shoot over a particular area, as well as by limiting the number of shotguns that they may own—smacks of a sop to the law-and-order clique rather than a constructive attempt to reduce armed crime. Indeed, figures have been published which show that the supposed aim of the proposals, reducing armed crime, is highly unlikely to be achieved even if they were to become law.

It is estimated that there are almost one million people in the United Kingdom who are legitimate shooting men in one sense or another. They are responsible people who are aware of the danger of their weapons if misused and they consequently use them and safeguard them appropriately. A high percentage of this number would be sure to suffer if the Government blindly pursued proposals that are little more than a copy of those discarded four years ago. Proposals destined to spoil many thousands of people's enjoyment in order to silence a volatile clique should surely be rejected out of hand.

Finally, to pursue another of PHS's comments, the disinterest of MPs is aptly captured by one of this magazine's correspondents who wrote a well balanced letter at the beginning of June to each of the 635 MPs. By September he had received a mere 53 replies of which 24 were simply postcard acknowledgments!

Yours faithfully,
PAUL DOBSON, Editor,
Shooting Magazine,
Falsten Ltd,
59 Ilford Lane,
Ilford,
Essex.
November 4.

Cleaning of Parliament

From Mr K. J. Negus

Sir, I read with amusement the letter from Mr R. S. Conibear (November 3).

Surely he cannot be serious in suggesting that soot and dirt deposits enhance the stonework of Parliament. If the architect had wanted a black building, he would have used that colour stone. He designed the fine ornamental carvings to be seen, not to be covered up and disfigured with harmful soot and dirt deposits, which gradually eat into the stone. The main reason for cleaning a building is to preserve it, and to arrest the principal cause of decay, namely, the sulphuric acid contained in the dirt.

It follows, therefore, that cleaning saves money by avoiding costly reinstatement later. It also uncovers any defects such as open joints which, if left, could lead to serious problems in the future.

Obviously I would like to see Parliament cleaned, not only because I am prejudiced, but to save the building from having to have the stonework reinstated as and where decay occurs in the future. That would look even worse than a dirty building, and cost a sight more money in the long term.

Yours faithfully,
K. J. NEGUS, Managing Director,
London Stone Ltd, and
Chairman,
Stone Cleaning & Restoration Section, Federation of Stone Industries,
56-58 Worship Street, EC2.
November 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 7: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
November 7: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, this evening attended a Reception at the Banqueting House in Whitehall in aid of the American/British Life-boat Appeal.
Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 7: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by the Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, left Royal Air Force Benson this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Paris.
Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy are to visit the new Marks & Spencer Store at Rosny II and will be present at a Dinner Party, held to mark the occasion of The Queen's Silver Jubilee, at the British Embassy.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Park Lane Fair of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at the Park Lane Hotel on December 1.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala evening at the Royal Adelphi Theatre, Strand, in aid of the National Council for One Parent on November 18.

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, regrets he was unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Keith Goodfellow, QC, yesterday.

A memorial service for John Fowler will be held at St George's Church, Hanover Square, W1, at noon on November 24, 1977.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Abergavenny, 63; Air Marshal Sir Norman Coslett, 68; the Rev Professor V. A. Demant, 84; Sir William Kininmonth, 73; Sir Richard Luyt, 62; Professor Robert McWhirter, 73; Sir Alexander Waddell, 64.

Marriage

Mr R. Bischoff
and Miss R. C. Beach
The marriage took place at the Royal Hospital Chelsea on November 5 between Mr Rainer Bischoff, of Bremen, and Miss Rosemary Beach, of The Ropeway, Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends reception given by London Branch of The Black Watch Association, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, 7.
The Duke of Gloucester visits Scottish Special Housing Association's offices, attends luncheon to mark its fortieth anniversary and presents Association for Protection of Rural Scotland Awards, Royal Architects' Hall, Edinburgh, 11.
The Duke of Kent visits factory of J. C. B. Sales, Uttoxeter, 11.30.
Westminster Abbey: Eighty-fifth birthday homage of Dr Herbert Howells, organ recital, Cleobury, Herrick, Ridgley-Whitehouse, 6.30.
St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: lunch-hour dialogue, Mr J. C. Trewin and Mr Toby Robertson, 1.05.
Victoria and Albert Museum: The Wireless Show, 10-6.
Walk: Jack the Ripper anniversary; meet Tower Hill station, 7.30.

Warship appeal

HMS Cavalier Trust, the charity that bought the last of the Royal Navy's classic wartime destroyers, is appealing for £500,000 to preserve the ship as a museum. The honorary treasurer is Mr R. H. M. Hamersley, of 76c Rochester Row, Westminster. Contributions can be sent to the trust's bankers, Coutts and Co, 188 Fleet Street, London.

University news

Wales
ABERYSTWYTH
Dr D. W. Morris, BSc (Wales), PhD (Newcastle), has been appointed to the chair of agriculture, in succession to Professor W. Ellison, who is retiring.

Umist
Dr R. S. Holdom, senior lecturer in industrial microbiology at Strathclyde University, has been appointed to the new post of Director of Research and Consultancy Services.

York
Grants
£18,850 over 18 months from the Department of the Environment for a study of chemical characteristics of colliery spoil in relation to the long-term performance of grass and legume species under various fertilizer regimes. £51,564 from the Department of Health and Social Security for the establishment of a unit to do social policy and related research into child handicap.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. J. S. Clarke
and Miss P. L. MacKinnon
The engagement is announced between Richard James Scott, son of Mr and Mrs Harold R. Clarke, of London, SW17, and Patricia Lyttelton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth H. MacKinnon, of Windyhaugh, Troon, Scotland.

Mr R. D. M. Davies
and Miss V. M. Hadfield
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Major and Mrs E. H. C. Davies, of Bryncerwen, Llangadfan, Powys, Wales and Vivienne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Hadfield, of Fairfield House, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr J. M. H. Payen-Payne
and Miss B. C. Brandley
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Mark Hanson, only son of Mr and Mrs Guy Payen-Payne, of Bedford Park, London, and Barbara Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald A. Brandley, of Highgate, London.

Mr W. H. Sowerby
and Mrs T. W. Lupton
The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr H. D. Sowerby and of Mrs Sowerby, of Lilley Manor, Luton, Bedfordshire, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Le Grice, of Trereife, Penzance.

Mr D. Tough
and Miss C. Bradshaw
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs W. A. Tough, of Adelaide, Australia, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Bradshaw, of Oxford.

Mr G. P. W. Chishick
and Señorita Cruz Olaya
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place in Nassau, Bahamas, between Gerald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Chishick, of Blacknest, Alton, Hampshire, and Elsa, elder daughter of Señor and Señora Flavio Cruz of Bogotá, Colombia.

Mr D. K. E. Cowie
and Dr T. M. Nicole
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Howard Cowie, of South Poorton, Powerstock, Bridport, Dorset, and Thomasina, only daughter of Mr Tom Nicole, TD, and Mrs Nicole, of Slape Manor, Netherbury, Bridport, Dorset.

Mr T. J. Holgate
and Miss L. E. Kreeger
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Wing Commander and Mrs J. B. Holgate, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Laura, daughter of the late Mr C. Kreeger and of Mrs B. Reason, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr D. Sellmeyer
and Miss D. C. Stephens
The engagement is announced between Dietrich, younger son of Dr and Mrs F. Sellmeyer, of Barcelona, Spain, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Stephens, of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. A. E. Tennyson-d'Eyncourt
and Mrs J. Russel-Roberts
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Captain and the Hon Mrs Ralph Tennyson-d'Eyncourt, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Lane Fox.

Luncheons

Britain-Australia Society
The Governor-General designate of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, and Lady Cowen were guests of the Council of the Britain-Australia Society at luncheon at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Sir Anthony and Lady Burney received the guests who included:
The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Freeth, Lord and Lady Hayter, Lord Shackleton, Sir Charles and Lady Johnston, Sir Alex and Lady McKay, Rear-Admiral and Mrs John Scotland, The Hon Barry and Mrs McFadzean, Mr and Mrs Anthony Everett, Mr A. F. Foster, Mr A. B. Marshall, Mr and Mrs J. D. McCall, Mr J. D. Milne, Mr and Mrs R. R. Neville, Miss J. Pratt, Mr and Mrs P. A. Spanoghe and Mr F. H. Tiale.

Centre for International Sports Studies
Lord Noel-Baker was guest of honour at a luncheon to mark his election as first president of the Centre for International Sports Studies, held yesterday at the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges. Mr James Platt, chairman of the centre, was host, and other guests included representatives of universities and colleges, the Olympic movement, sports manufacturers and specialists in international sports cooperation and the developing world.

Mrs J. G. Young
The High Sheriff of Surrey and Mrs Young gave a luncheon at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, yesterday to mark the opening day of the Crown Court. Guests included the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, Judge and Mrs J. Ellison, the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames, the Bishop of Guildford and Mrs Brown and the Chairman of Surrey County Council and Mrs D. T. Bastin.

OAU Diplomatic Group
The 28 African Heads of Diplomatic Mission, members of the OAU, gave a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday in honour of Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The High Commissioner of Mauritius was in the chair and the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps was among those present.

Reception

Mme Lunkova
The Soviet Ambassador and Mme Lunkova gave a reception last night on the occasion of the national jubilee of the Soviet Union, sixtieth anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Among those present were:
Members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of her Majesty's Government, officials from government departments, representatives of trade unions, the theatre and culture, the press, industry and commerce and friends of the Soviet Union.

Dinners

1912 Club
The annual general meeting of the 1912 Club was held yesterday evening at which Lord Carr of Hadley was reappointed president, Sir Stephen McAdden, MP, reelected chairman, and Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, reelected vice-chairman. Afterwards, Lord Carr was the guest of honour at the club's dinner held at the House of Commons by invitation of Sir Stephen McAdden. The vote of thanks to Lord Carr was proposed by Mrs Patricia Y. Putwain.

Anglo-Swiss Society
Lord Sandford, who was accompanied by Lady Sandford, presided at a dinner given by the Anglo-Swiss Society at the Dorchester hotel last night. The guests of honour were Mr and Mrs Yehudi Menuhin. Among others present were:
The Swiss Ambassador and Mme Thalmann, Sir John and Lady Wraight, Mr and Mrs Philip Jones, Mr and Mrs M. H. Glover.

Association of Scottish Chartered Accountants in London
The Association of Scottish Chartered Accountants in London held their annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel yesterday evening. Mr J. T. H. Macnair, chairman of the association, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Sir Arnold Hall and Mr J. L. Kirkpatrick, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Memorial service

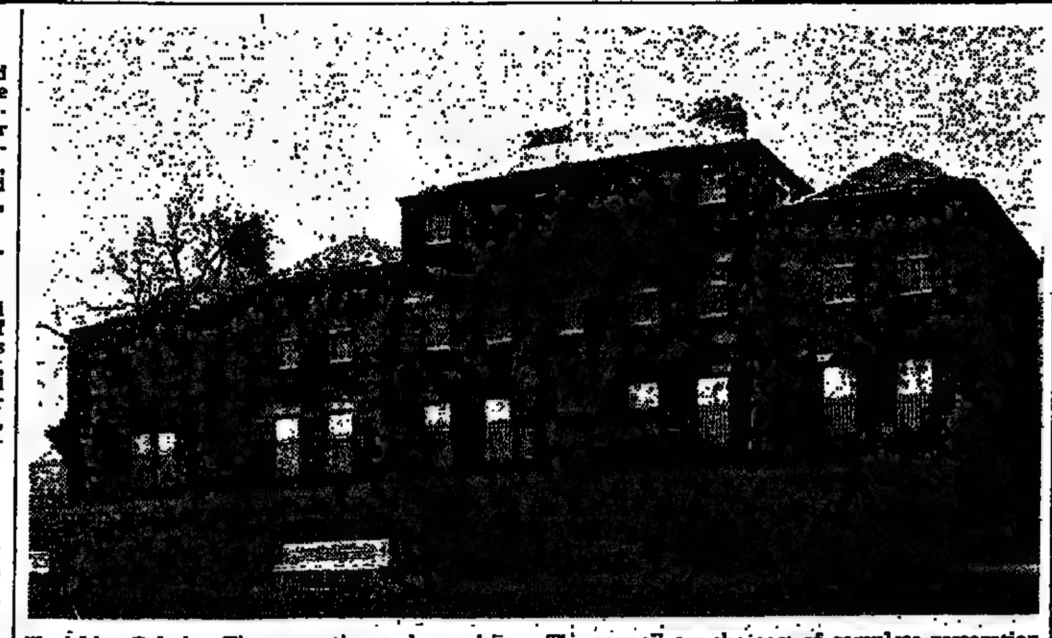
Mr K. F. Goodfellow, QC
A memorial service for Mr Keith Frank Goodfellow, QC, was held at the Temple Church yesterday. The Master of the Temple officiated, and Mr Justice Bristow, Treasurer of the Middle Temple, read the lesson. Among those present were:
Mrs Goodfellow (widow), Mr Simon Goodfellow and Mr Giles Goodfellow (sons), Miss Alexandra Goodfellow (daughter), Miss Kathleen Hopper (sister), Mr M. St J. Hopper, Mr William Griffith-Jones, Mr David Griffith-Jones, Miss Sarah Griffith-Jones, Mrs A. K. Griffith-Jones, Mrs Edward Spokesman, Mr and Mrs J. F. Spokesman, Mrs Ernest Bingle, the Rev Arthur and Mrs Banks, Dr Richard Bingle.
Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, Lord Justice Roskill, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, the Hon Ewen Montagu, QC, Sir Fred Pritchard, Lady Ackner, Sir Edward Singleton, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, Sir Douglas Frank, QC, Sir Norman Skelhorn, QC, Mr Justice Thompson, Mr Justice Talbot, Mr Justice Gibson and Lady Gibson, Mr Justice Forbes, Mr Justice Wood, Judge McDonnell, Judge Leonard, Judge Kolleck, QC, Judge Edwards, Judge and Dr Main, Mr John Calvert and Mrs B. Calvert, QC, Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC, Mr Michael Mann, QC, Mr Donald Keating, QC, Mr M. Myers, QC, Mr Patrick Garland, QC, Mr P. W. Medd, QC, Mr Michael Nolan, QC, Mr I. N. D. Wallace, QC, Mr John Mills, QC, Mr Peter Boydell, QC, Mr D. Hollis, QC, and Mrs Hollis, Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, Mr Graham Eyre, QC, Mr Iain Glidewell, QC, the Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple and Mrs Morison, Mr John Dyson, the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, with the Chief Education Officer, Mr Paul Lennard, and Mr P. J. Watson (Freshfields).

Gray's Inn

Canon Sydney Evans has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Housing for Wrens

Commandant S. V. A. McBride, Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service, laid the foundation-stone of new accommodation for Wrens costing £500,000 at HMS Cochrane, Rosyth, yesterday.



Vanishing Britain: The recreation and amenities committee of Newcastle upon Tyne City Council will be asked today to decide the fate of Elswick Hall (above) a neoclassical Regency house overlooking the Tyne (our Planning Reporter writes). Built in 180_ and listed grade 2 starred, the house was acquired by the council 99 years ago and used first as a museum and later as central and local government offices. It has been empty since 1966 and has been badly damaged by vandals, although the stonework is said to be still in good repair.
The council say the cost of complete restoration would be excessive (a figure of £300,000 has been quoted) but is prepared to consider retention of part of the façade. Objectors reply that alternative schemes, supported by grants, have not been properly considered.
The house stands in one of the ugliest and most deprived areas of the city. Its conversion to an indoor sports and recreation centre, combined with improvements to the surrounding parkland, it is argued, would provide an outstanding and badly needed public amenity.

Railway scenes become fashionable with strong bidding for print collection

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Railway prints came of age as a collecting field at Phillips's yesterday when a collection formed by the late Mr Arthur Underwood since the last war was sold for £32,259. Every one of the 146 lots in the sale found a buyer.

Mr Underwood was formerly Phillips's solicitor; it was on the advice of one of his other clients, William Russell Flint, the artist, that he began to collect. At the end of the war Russell Flint advised him that if he wanted to put his money into collecting to choose an unfashionable field. The advice certainly paid off. The collection was exhibited at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1974.

The highest price paid for an individual print was £820 paid by Leggatt for a "View of a landslip . . . between Dawlish and Teignmouth". It cost Mr Underwood 12 guineas in 1958; Phillips were estimating £40 for it. The well drawn print depicts an amusing scene: a landslip has blocked the line and passengers are being transferred round it from one train to another.

Leggatt, the London dealer, was one of the principal buyers, but on this lot he was bidding against a determined local collector from Dawlish. Richard Green was the other big buyer.

The Great Western Railway proved to have the greatest financial draw. A hand-coloured lithograph by John Cooke Bourne of "The Engine House, Swindon" was sold for £500 (estimate £100 to £150) to Leggatt, who also paid £230 (estimate £50 to £60) for Bourne's "West Front of No 1 Tunnel", cut out of the title page of the *History and Description of the Great Western Railway*. The two lithographs cost Mr Underwood £8 10s and £3 3s respectively in 1948.

The top prices were paid for complete early sets of etchings. Richard Green paid £2,400 (estimate £500 to £600) for the *London and Birmingham Railroad*, a set of six hand-coloured etchings published in 1837 after drawings by Thomas Talbot Bury; they cost Mr Underwood £21 in 1947. The first series, *Six Coloured Views on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway* (1831), was sold for £1,900 (estimate £400 to £600) to Leggatt. Three lithograph views on the same line by Alfred B. Clayton also made £1,900 (estimate £80 to £100).

Sotheby's were selling antiquities from the collection of Henri E. Smeets, of The Netherlands; Mr Smeets had the unusual aim of collecting an example of every art form from Neolithic times to the present day and this is only the first instalment. The sale totalled £430,355, with 17 per cent unsold.

Most of the highest priced lots were bought by Matsuoka, a dealer from Japan. He paid £30,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000) for the Egyptian limestone head of an Amarna princess of the XVIIIth dynasty, 8¼in high; £25,000 (estimate £25,000) for a 4¼in Sumerian copper bearded figure of about 2700 BC and £20,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000) for a nine-inch Umbrian bronze figure of a warrior of the fifth century BC.

Mahboubian spent £21,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) on a 12in South Arabian bronze winged ibex with a bearded human head, of about the first century BC.

In Versailles on Sunday Georges Blache offered fine silver. He had two domed, shaped plate covers from the famous Orloff service, made by Oertiers in Paris and given by Catherine the Great to her favourite, Count Orloff. They were sold for 250,000 francs (estimate 150,000 to 180,000) or £28,409.

A collection of silver wine tasters nearly doubled expectations with a top price of 8,250 francs (estimate 5,000) or £938 for a Rouen example of 1755 weighing 128 grams and three inches in diameter. A simple embossed teapot made in Bordeaux for the English colony in the 1780s and weighing 785 grams made 27,000 francs (estimate 10,000 to 12,000) or £3,068.

There was also English silver in the sale but prices were low in spite of the presence of several English dealers.

A sale of Chinese snuff bottles and jades at Christie's made £39,264, with 18 per cent unsold, a sale of English pottery and Wedgwood £31,877 with 9 per cent unsold.

Henry Ford Junior: Sotheby Parke Bernet is to sell furniture and works of art for Henry Ford II valued at about $2m in a sale in New York in February. It will comprise 110 lots. The star piece is a secretaire à abattant by BVRB (Bernard van Riesenburgh), the great French ébéniste, which is expected to make $200,000. Among the works of art is a jewelled rock crystal casket of the sixteenth century from the Sarrachi workshop in Milan.

The pieces come from three different homes, from Grosse Point, Michigan, where Mr Ford has been redecorating his drawing room; from his penthouse apartment in the New York Carlyle Hotel, which he has recently sold; and from his Detroit home.

British Legion fighting war against inflation

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Memories, like the old soldiers they recall, may not actually die but they tend to fade away. That is acknowledged by the Royal British Legion in its publicity for this year's Poppy Appeal ("The memory fades but the suffering doesn't"), and, coupled with inflation it presents the legion with a real difficulty.

To keep pace it needs to raise £650,000 more than it managed last year. In pursuit of the target 5,200 local appeal organizers and 250,000 collectors are giving their services free.

Working from the Royal British Legion Village at Maidstone, Kent, telegraphic address Dethonour, the national appeal chairman, Mr Charles Busby, says: "Contrary to what many people think, the legion is as much concerned with helping the family of a young soldier shot in Belfast last week as with the widow of a Serviceman killed on the Somme in World War I".

There has been only one year this century in which no British Serviceman died in action, and that is 1968. The total of deaths since 1900 is more than a million.

The legion, however, aims to help all nine million ex-Servicemen and women still alive, with about 11 million dependants, which makes its total potential constituency a third of the entire population.

It provides help in many ways, some of them unexpected. For example, the legion's taxi school has trained 4,500 ex-Service taxi drivers, almost a third of London's cabbies.

Its Attendants' Company provides security at the Tower of London and the House of Commons car parks. The legion is the biggest private employer of disabled people in the country. Its 1,500 disabled employees will not only have made the 38 million poppies and wreaths on sale this week but they also run printing presses, and make garden furniture and road signs.

The biggest share of the Poppy Appeal money is spent on caring for the aged and sick in five eventide and four convalescent homes, while weekly allowances to 8,000 permanently incapacitated ex-Servicemen and widows last year totalled £250,000. Every year the legion helps to handle about 17,000 war pension cases.

Fifty-five years after it was founded by Field Marshal Lord Haig, the legion faces the prospect that in 20 years there will still be six million ex-Servicemen and dependants alive, and requiring increasing help as they grow older. "The legion's responsibilities will not disappear in our time", Mr Busby says, "even if there are no more wars".

Latest appointments

Air Marshal F. B. Sowrey (above) has assumed duty as the United Kingdom representative to Cento's permanent military deputies group, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball. He has also been awarded the Air Force Cross.

Other appointments include:
Mr Simon Dyer, director, operations, the Automobile Association, to be assistant managing director, and Mr Nigel Clarke, general manager member services, to be director, member services, in January.
Mr James Hornby, Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol, to be chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools for 1978.
Mr Crispin Joynson-Hicks to be president of the Church Society, in succession to Canon T. L. Livermore.

Prospective candidate

Mr Kenneth McKillam, a former schoolteacher, from Wye, Kent, to be prospective parliamentary National Front candidate for Bournemouth, East. At the general election Mr John Cordle had a majority of 10,661 in a four-cornered contest.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Nov 7, 1952

White House talks

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Nov 6.—General Eisenhower this morning sent a message from Augusta, Georgia, where he flew yesterday for a holiday, to President Truman thanking him for his telegram and saying: "I am gratified by your suggestion that we have a personal meeting in the interests of an orderly transition. Because I obviously require a reasonable time for conversations and conferences leading to the designation of important assistants, I respectfully suggest that we tentatively plan the proposed meeting for the early part of the week beginning November 17. I share your hope that we may present to the world an American unity in basic issues . . ." The electorate has given no mandate for the destruction of the new deal, but has rather accepted General Eisenhower's assurances that the gains of the New Deal are no longer being contested; and most people are now waiting to see whether the General understands the implications of his victory and realizes that he has no need to appease anybody in his party. That is not to say that he will have an easy time, because the alliance of Republicans and southern Democrats is still in control, and the chairmanship of committees will—with few exceptions—be in the hands of the most reactionary men in both houses.

Mr Callaghan plants oak

The Prime Minister yesterday planted a small oak in Hyde Park, London, at the invitation of the Tree Council to mark the beginning of National Tree Week. It was on the same spot as the Reform Oak, planted two centuries ago by reformers calling for the right to vote.

Latest wills

Mrs Beatrice Dora Cosens, of Sandwich, left £62,797 net. After personal bequests she left the residue to the Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):
Alexander, Mr William Lawson, of Boston .. £158,082
Cox, Mr Leslie Walter, of Kingston upon Thames, company director .. £117,769
Fiedler, Miss Herma Streifried, of Oxford .. £126,755
Haines, Mr Herbert John, of Pershore .. £189,969
Johnson, Mrs Nena Mary, of St Annes .. £160,071
Macdiarmid, Mrs Phillis Gray, of Camberley .. £143,028
Ormrod, Mrs Alice Maud, of Southport .. £199,239
Watkins, Mrs Annie Barbara, of Farnham .. £229,058

Monarchist League

The Marquess of Bristol, Chancellor of the Monarchist League, sends greetings to all royal houses, regnant and non-regnant and announces that the annual dinner will take place at the Savoy Hotel during the last days of March, 1978, or the early days of April that year.

OBITUARY

MR KEITH VAUGHAN

An individualistic British painter

Mr Keith Vaughan, CBE, who died on November 4 at the age of 65, was best known as a painter of striking figure compositions in which he sought for a balance between the recognizable, though much simplified, nude figure and the purely abstract arrangement of line and areas of form and colour. A characteristic example was the "assembly" of figures he entitled "Eldorado Banal", painted last year and included in the Royal Academy's survey of British painting, 1952-1977.

He used the word "assembly" of such compositions with their sharp contrasts of strongly silhouetted shapes, as he put it, "to suggest an echo of the humanist tradition without making reference to any historical or mythological theme". He applied the principle behind his numerous compositions of this kind to a number of formalized landscapes executed like most of his work from recollected impressions and not directly from nature.

Though he gained a distinguished place among British artists of his time his individual line of thought placed him somewhat apart from those who could more definitely be labelled "figurative", "abstract" or "expressionist". He was impressed by the vitality of de Kooning among modern American painters but his calmly considered outlook caused him to avoid any similar expressionist vehemence. It was a very personal course he steered through the various currents of modern art.

Vaughan was born on August 23, 1912, at Selsey Bill, Sussex, and educated at Christ's Hospital. After early experience in the Unilever advertising agency, Lintas, where he worked until 1939, he served in the Pioneer Corps when war broke out. From 1941 to 1946 he was German interpreter in a PoW camp in Yorkshire. He was later occupied in art teaching, at the Camberwell School of Art, the Central School, and from 1954, as visiting teacher at the Slade School.

The first exhibitions of his paintings and drawings were held at the Lefevre Gallery in 1942 and 1946, followed by frequent exhibitions in Britain and America. The "Theseus" mural decoration in the Dome of Discovery, of the Festival of Britain, 1951, was one of his larger undertakings. A full-scale retrospective exhibition was shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1962, the occasion also of an Arts Council tour. He was made CBE in 1965.

Vaughan was widely travelled. He was a visiting resident artist at Iowa State University in 1959. In Europe he travelled in southern France, Italy, Spain and Greece and a series of paintings inspired by Greek landscape well represents the landscape phase of his work. He is represented by a number of works in the Tate Gallery and in public galleries elsewhere in Britain and the United States. He was unmarried.

CANON CHARLES FOX

R. C. R. writes:

With the death of Canon Charles Elliot Fox, CBE, a few weeks after his 99th birthday, Melanesia has lost its much-loved and honoured veteran missionary.

He joined the mission in 1902 and was ordained in 1903. Dr Fox served in the mission's headquarters, Norfolk Island, until 1911 when he moved to the Solomon Islands as a district priest on San Cristoval from 1915 to 1924. Here he was adopted into the Arosi tribe by exchanging names with a young chief, Martin Taki, thus acquiring intimate knowledge of the local language and customs.

In 1924 he became Headmaster of the Senior Boys' School, All Hallows, Pawa, where many of the future Melanesian priests came within his guiding influence. In 1933 he joined the Melanesian Brotherhood becoming Tasiu (Brother) Charles—a title which he cherished till his death. Dr Fox, short in stature but great in humour and joy became affectionately known throughout the islands as "Kakamora", the little imp. Those who served with him in mission and government over the years, will remember his stories and sense of fun; others will remember his later ministries in the Solomons where in addition to his daily work, particularly at Taroaniara, he managed to write books, translate languages and produce a Melanesian Prayer Book in simple English language.

When, after over 60 years in Melanesia, ill-health forced him to retire to New Zealand, his native country, he continued to help the diocese he loved by producing simple biblical commentaries for those engaged in ministry and education. Great was his thrill when the Queen personally invested him with the CBE.

For those of us who have been privileged to know and work with him, Charles Fox has become "our hero", and we cease not to give thanks to God for his life, his ministry, and for all that he was able to do as Christ's ambassador for the Melanesians of the Southern Isles.

PROF GIORGIO LA PIRA

Professor Giorgio La Pira, the Italian politician who was notable as an international peace campaigner, died in Florence on November 5. He was 73. La Pira's saintly concern for the poor and his frugal personal life—he spent a period of his life living in a cell at the Convent of S. Marco in Florence—won him a unique reputation in Italian political life particularly in the 1950s.

A Christian Democrat Deputy he had also served three times as Mayor of Florence. He made frequent attempts to stop conflicts in various parts of the world; in 1951 he visited Stalin to try and persuade him to help end the Korean war; in 1965 he had secret talks with Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi to try and halt the Vietnam conflict, and he was at various times regarded as a trusted mediator by both sides in the Arab-Israeli conflict. He more or less retired from public life in the 1960s but maintained his international contacts and was professor of Roman Law Institutions at the University of Florence.

Mr Qudrate Khuda, director of the Pakistan Science Council and former adviser to the Defence Ministry, in Pakistan, died on November 3, at the age of 77.

GRETA KELLER

Greta Keller, the Austrian actress and cabaret entertainer, died on November 5 in Vienna at the age of 72. She began her career as a dancer and singer in Vienna at the age of 14 and in the 1930s she acted on the stage of a Viennese theatre with Marlene Dietrich in a play called *Broadway*. Later she went to the United States and started a highly successful career as a nightclub singer.

During the Second World War she married David Bacon, an American, who was found murdered on the beach of Hollywood in 1943. After the war she started another night club career in St Moritz, Switzerland, and in the following years performed also in Vienna, West Germany and again in the United States.

SIR ERIC TAYLOR

Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Bt, OBE, MD, died on October 25 at the age of 88.

The son of the first baronet, he was educated at Clifton, King's College, Cambridge, where he was an exhibitioner, and Guy's Hospital. He was a captain RAMC, TF, in the First World War and was later in medical practice in Hongkong, Cheltenham and the City of London.

He was three times married and is succeeded by his son, Mr R. L. Stuart Taylor.

Science report

Radiocarbon dating: New technique

Subfossil oaks preserved in the peat bogs of Northern Ireland are enabling scientists at the Queen's University of Belfast to establish a new radiocarbon chronology that will eventually allow European archaeologists to place more confidence in the dates of ancient objects than has so far been possible.

Radiocarbon dating is widely used to date wood and charcoal remains from historic and prehistoric sites back some 10,000 years. Radiocarbon dates have been tied to real calendar dates by independent historical evidence where that has been available, but in some cases deviations from the expected theoretical relationship have cast doubt on the precision and worldwide applicability of radiocarbon scales derived from material found in one region.

A relatively recent absolute calibration has been made between radiocarbon dates and the tree-ring chronology derived from the North American bristlecone pine. That showed up some rather disturbing "wiggles" in the calibration curve, which could make radiocarbon dates for some periods very unreliable.

To try to answer the questions whether the bristlecone pine calibration had worldwide validity, and whether the "wiggles" were real or due to unidentified experimental errors, the Belfast team have carried out a painstaking analysis of their subfossil oaks for which they had previously worked out a chronology covering some 2,900 years. They estimated the relative radiocarbon age of sample blocks of wood covering 20-year periods of growth as judged from their tree-ring pattern.

They had found earlier that there could be many sources of experimental error in their radiocarbon technique, but that when those were corrected a very good match was obtained between the tree-ring chronology and the relative radiocarbon dating, with no obvious "wiggles". They estimate that the radiocarbon date will be precise to within 25 years either way.

So far no real calendar dates can be put to the Belfast radiocarbon curve, because the tree-ring chronology used for its calibration is not yet complete. Its completion will need the discovery of subfossil oaks covering a few remaining gaps. According to Dr J. Pilcher, who did the work with Mr G. Pearson, Dr M. G. L. Baillie and Dr J. Hillam, that will largely be a matter of luck.

Given that luck, Dr Pilcher estimates that it will take another two years to complete the tree-ring chronology and the matching radiocarbon analysis. That will then provide a calibrated radiocarbon curve tied firmly to calendar dates, which will be of very great use to European prehistorians.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

INSURANCE IN THE ARAB WORLD

New wealth opens up big opportunities

by Ali A. El-Shafei

The insurance industry in the Arab world has passed through several development stages, each characterized by its features and circumstances.

Since this industry includes direct insurance and reinsurance, the stages of direct insurance development are divided into three. The first stage—foreign companies, branches and agencies—started during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Insurance entered Arab countries after economic and military penetration. Foreign insurance companies, branches and agencies were established to serve foreign economic interests.

European countries therefore shared insurance influence in the Arab region according to their political and economic divisions. We find, for example, British insurance companies, branches and agencies in Egypt, Iraq, Sudan and Jordan; French in the Arab Maghreb (Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco), Syria and Lebanon; and Italian companies in Libya.

In a second stage, after the achievement of political independence and the establishment of national economic interests, participation in insurance activities then became essential.

Some Arab countries then witnessed the establishment of mixed insurance companies with a national identity, in which national and foreign interests participated.

The activity of these national insurance companies was small in comparison with the major insurance operations achieved by foreign companies in the Arab world.

Before 1956, for example, there were 124 foreign insurance companies operating in Egypt, while there were 13 Egyptian insurance companies.

The 13 Egyptian companies comprised 9 per cent of the total with a capital of £E1,722,875 or 29 per cent of the total. Foreign companies numbered 124 comprising 91 per cent and a capital of £E4,141,050, 71 per cent of all insurers.

Until 1959 there were 46 foreign insurance companies operating in Syria, but there was only one national company, (Société Syrienne d'Assurances) with a contribution of 40 per cent in capital from the Lebanon.

In the third stage: most of the Arab states became independent and moved away from foreign economic interests, mainly in banking and insurance.

As a result these two industries were nationalized in Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Algeria during the 1960s. Those countries limited their insurance operations to their wholly national companies, that is those whose capital and administration belonged to the state. Hence foreign companies left these markets, as well as that of Sudan.

Although insurance companies' capital was completely state-owned, their administration was on a commercial bases.

Other states such as Libya and Mauritania followed the same trend limiting insurance operations to their nationalized companies. This trend was an initiative to Arabize the insurance industry through the establishment of strong national companies with Arab citizens owning the major part of the capital. Examples are seen in Morocco, Tunisia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and other states.

Undoubtedly, the increase in Arab riches, national industrial and economic activities and the existence of large industrial projects in the Arab world have opened new areas to the insurance industry. This led to the establishment of insurance companies with Arab capital.

The General Arab Insurance Federation shows the spread of Arab insurance companies.

The development stages of the Arab reinsurance industry could be summed up as: (1) Comprising the first and second stages for the development of direct insurance in the Arab countries. Reinsurance operations were completely dependent on foreign markets according to the political distribution. For example, markets which were related to Britain depended completely upon the British Reinsurance Market. (2) The increase in the direct insurance activities of national companies—whether nationalized or the capital of which belong to Arabs—gave rise to the establishment of specialized reinsurance companies.

In 1957, the first Arab reinsurance company was established in Egypt (the Egyptian Reinsurance Company). This was followed by the foundation of similar ones in Iraq, Morocco, Algeria, Kuwait and Sudan. Other national reinsurance companies are to be established shortly.

In describing the activities of the General Arab Insurance Federation we have a clear picture of the development of the insurance industry in the Arab world.

The idea of establishing a federation of Arab insurance and reinsurance companies first came into being during the early 1960s, which culminated in the establishment of the General Arab Insurance Federation in 1964.

The founders were 23 insurance and reinsurance companies from the 12 Arab states of Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Egypt.

The basic conditions for membership in the federation were that: the applicant company or organization should be of an Arab nationality; it operates in an Arab country; and at least 51 per cent of its capital should belong to Arabs.

These conditions could only be met by a few companies operating in the Arab area (30 companies, eight of them Egyptian), whose business did not exceed 40 per cent of the insurance activity in the Arab area.

After 13 years of the federation and with the Arabization of insurance companies, members of the federation fulfilling the above conditions amounted to 80 companies of which two are general organizations, namely: Egyptian General Insurance Organization of Egypt and, the State Insurance Organization of Iraq.

Six are national reinsurance companies, and two inter-Arab reinsurance companies, namely the Arab Reinsurance Company of Lebanon and, the Arab Union Reinsurance Company of Syria. The remaining members are direct insurance companies.

These companies' activities represent more than 90 per cent of the total insurance operations in the Arab world.

The main achievements of the General Arab Insurance Federation were:

1—Establishment of the Arab Reinsurance Company, with joint Arab capital in which Arab insurance companies and organizations and some banks are shareholders.

2—Formation of Arab reinsurance pools, namely, fire, marine/cargo, marine/hull, aviation and engineering.

3—Arabization of life, marine and fire insurance terminology.

4—Exchange of Arab insurance and reinsurance skills.

5—Training and education in the different Arab insurance institutions.

6—Procedures for the establishment of the Arab Regional Insurance Institute in Khartum, Sudan, in collaboration with Unctad.

7—Putting the Inter-Arab Motor Insurance Card into effect.

8—Sponsoring specialized seminars dealing with the different insurance branches. The federation—individually and in collaboration with other organizations—held 12 seminars during the past four years, in which papers were presented by Arab and foreign speakers from various international insurance markets.

These achievements represent a large part of the Federation's objectives.

Some believe that the basis of Islamic legislation is in conflict with the insurance industry. Undoubtedly this is a false belief. Interpreters of Islamic legislation differentiate between these three types of insurance:—

1.—Cooperative insurance: It is unanimously approved of in all insurance branches.

2.—General insurance: The majority believe at present that the different insurance branches for example, fire, transport, accident, and engineering, are acceptable to Islam.

3.—Life insurance: This branch is still subject to further studies by scholars and the Assembly of Islamic Research. A definite conclusion has not yet been reached, although the modern tendency is possibly towards accepting life assurance.

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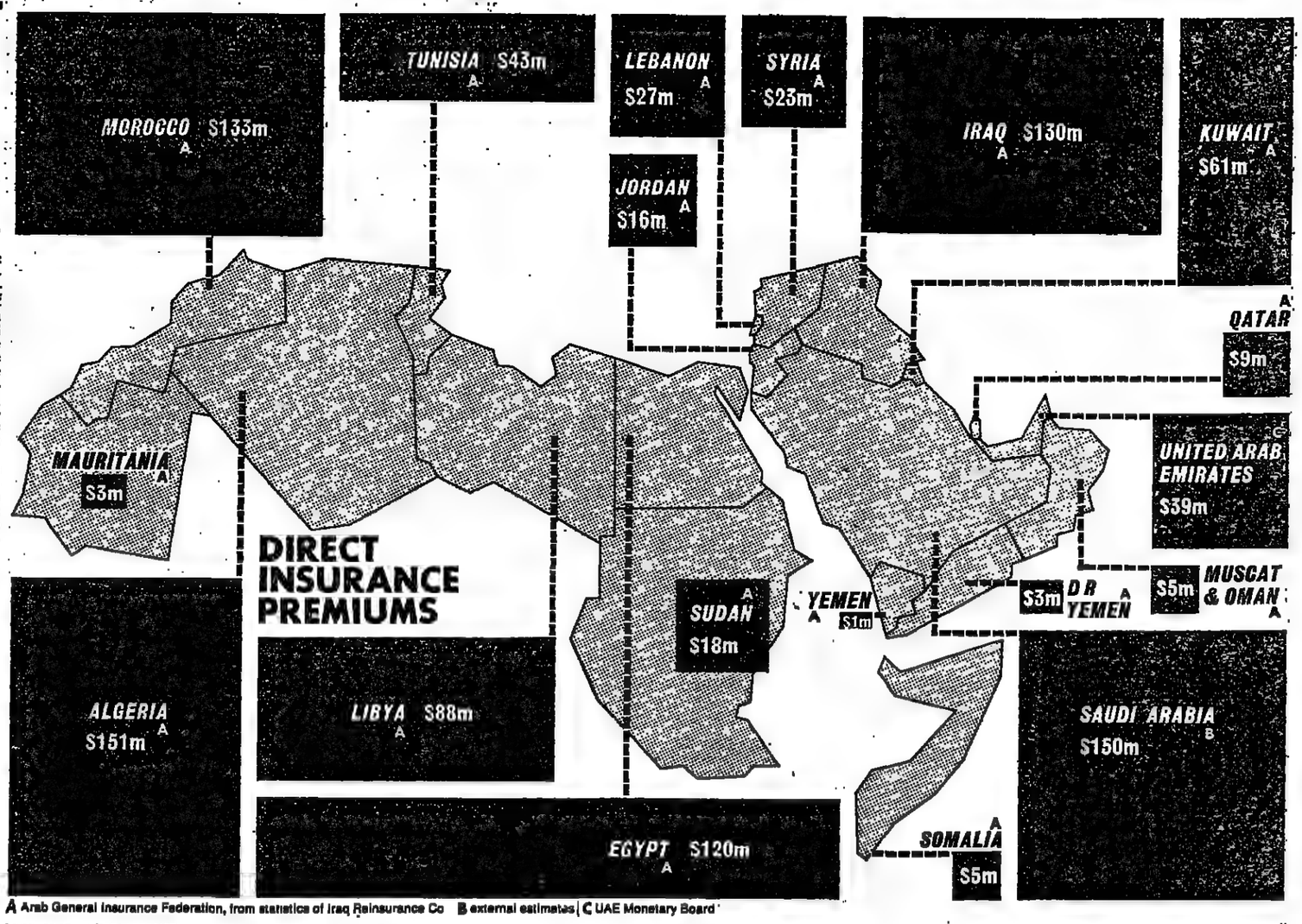

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1954	1,765,965	3,652,648	48.3	285,445	315,370	90.5
1955	1,972,632	3,963,118	49.8	992,019	1,703,041	56.2
1956	2,860,168	3,824,269	89.5	1,172,891	1,459,359	80.3
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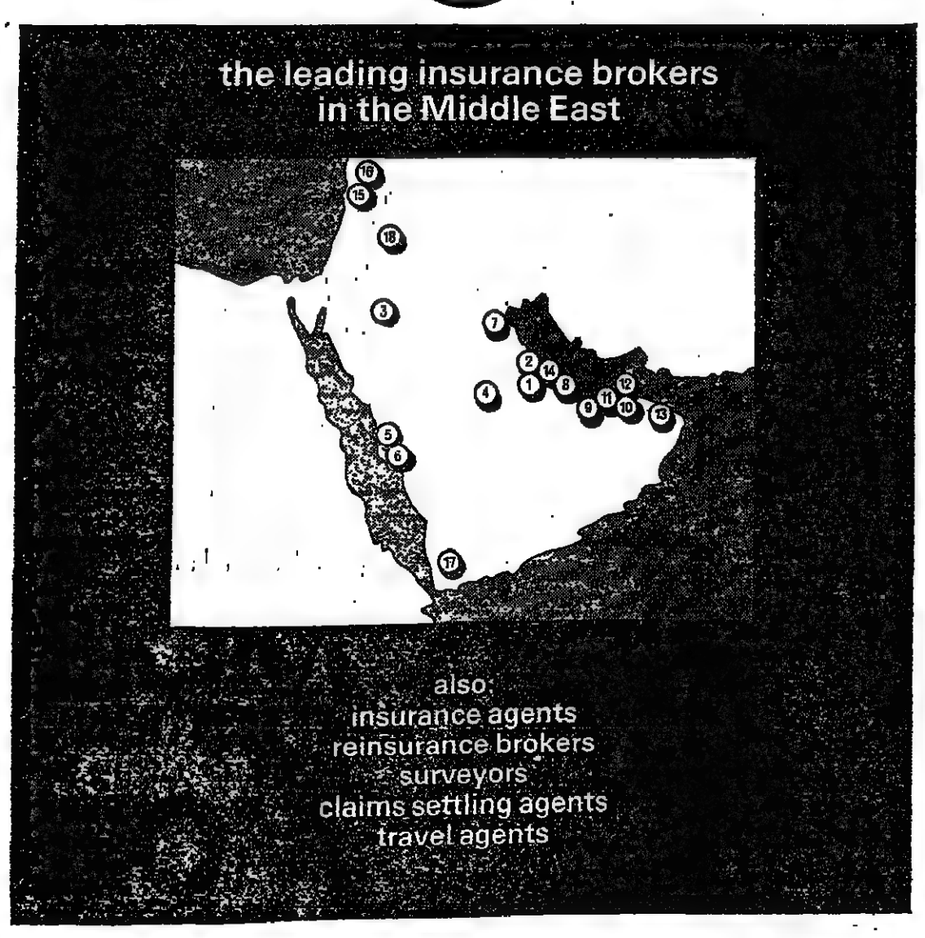

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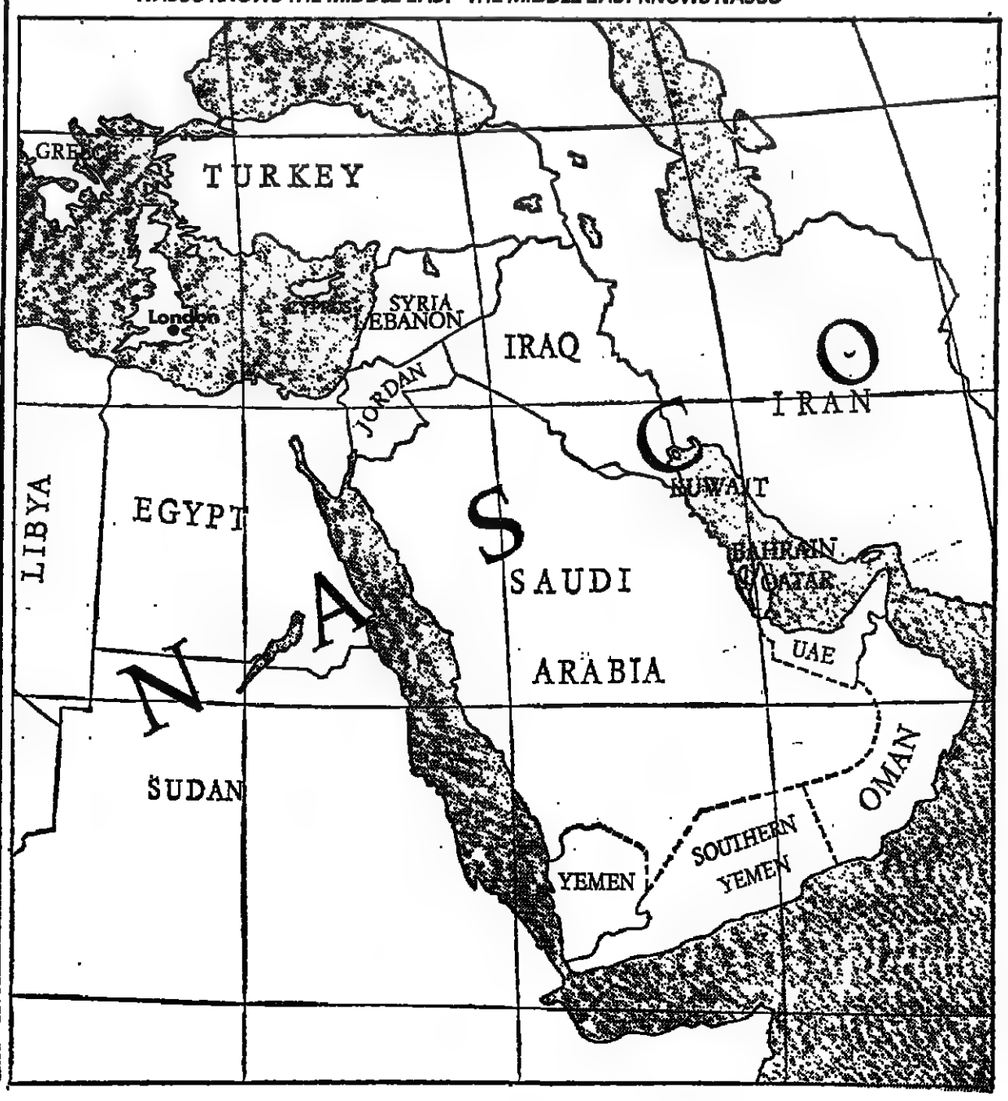

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Cut-throat competition makes life difficult for brokers

by Tony Sutton

The explosive growth of construction activity in the Middle East has produced intense competition for that business within the insurance market.

London did hold a majority of the construction underwriting business but is now losing out to the European markets; German companies now have the largest slice of the market. Middle East national and local companies are also taking an increasing share.

Many of the underwriters in London have suffered losses on Middle East construction business. In 1975 they lost several millions of pounds when heavy flash floods in the Gulf area hit road construction and civil engineering projects.

Since then the London market has hardened and underwriters are reluctant to insure civil engineering works at the present thin rates.

Another recent development has been the growth of decennial liability policies. Middle East buyers are now demanding 10-year guarantees to cover subsidence or collapse of structures.

A major part of the brokerage business in construction is still handled either directly or through reinsurance by London brokers. But what has changed is where they place the business.

Now they shop round the world, partly as a result of the huge growth in size of projects.

Last year the first billion dollar civil engineering contract came on the market: the phase two construction of the Jubail industrial harbour in Saudi Arabia. This followed by only three months the insurance placing of the Jubail phase two commercial works valued at about $900,000. There were doubts about whether the insurance market could take on the harbour contract which would then place at risk in one construction area insured sums of more than $3,500m.

In the event, brokers Lowndes Lambert placed the insurance (contractors' all risk and public liability) in three and a half months.

But the Jubail insured sum is going to look very modest compared with contracts that are coming up. Tenders are already out for the $2,000m Saudi east-west pipeline for Mogul Oil. On the horizon there is also the 26km elevated road project connecting the island of Al-Khobar with the Bahrain mainland which could be worth up to $6,000m.

There is also the Saudi telecommunications centre which may have a similar contract value. Saudi Arabia, which is undoubtedly the largest market in the Middle East, plans to spend at least $70,000m on construction in the next five years.

Yet despite these vast sums the insurance market is confident it can handle anything providing the rates are right. Brokers acknowledge the big problem for their contractor clients is bond cover, especially on large contracts. No bonding market exists in the United Kingdom but Saudi Arabia insists on a 2½ to 5 per cent banker's bond which for a $1,000m contract would be $50m, or for a 20 per cent surety bond.

United Kingdom contractors have failed miserably to secure a reasonable share of the big contracts, giving as one of the reasons the huge contingent liabilities they have to carry such as on-demand bonds.

If an on-demand bond capacity existed in London a lot more premium could be generated as the bond market could insist on the other contract insurances being placed in the same insurance market.

Far reaching proposals that would have established a London bond market have been all but shelved, despite the efforts of Sir Henry Benson, adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England.

The proposals—submitted by several city bodies and the Overseas Projects Group of the Board of Trade—were for pooling arrangements to be established whereby the City insurance, surety and bank companies would form three pools that would provide the bond cover, finance and other insurance risks involved.

Instead of these proposals the City is now examining individual tenders for contracts of £50m and over and setting up the necessary bonding and insurance cover.

So far, however, none of the tenders has been successful and there is now talk of the Government ignoring the City and setting up its own scheme through the Government Export Credits Guarantee Department.

However, some brokers regard the bond proposals as premature and point to the need for Middle East countries like Saudi Arabia first to produce more formalized legislation so that insurance companies have a coherent framework within which to operate.

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Even Red Adair failed to douse oil fire

by Roger Vielvoye

Over the past six months the oil and gas industry in the Middle East has seen two of the biggest disasters in its 69-year history. In April a natural gas liquids plant at Umm Said in Qatar was devastated by an explosion, and in May a pumping station and associated facilities on the pipeline from the Abqaiq oilfield in Saudi Arabia caught fire, severely damaging both the plant and the pipeline. Saudi Arabian oil exports were briefly cut back.

For the Qataris the Umm Said explosion was a far-reaching event. Only months before it had taken complete control of the oil industry in Qatar which involved transferring all the insurance cover for the oil and gas installations from the oil companies in-house schemes to the state insurance company. Most of the projects had been reinsured on world markets.

A government commission of inquiry is investigating the cause of the explosion which it is thought may have done £30m to £40m worth of damage. Initial indications are that one of the propane gas storage tanks fractured, releasing a cloud of gas that later exploded.

The Saudi incident may have been even more costly—causing up to £50m worth of damage. The fire destroyed the pumping facilities and fractured the pipeline, setting oil on fire. The cost of insurance was shared proportionally between the Government with a 60 per cent stake in the operating group, the Arabian American Oil company (Aramco), and four international oil companies, Exxon, Mobil, Texaco and the Standard Oil Company of California.

Oil companies run their own in-house insurance schemes but the Saudi Government had reinsured part of its commitment on the world market. The Saudi fire was more disruptive and costly because the pipeline and facilities had to be replaced immediately, and that could only be achieved with a massive influx of experts, workmen and materials.

The old-style in-house insurance schemes had learnt to judge the risks of blowouts and small fires that have been a regular feature of oil operations in the Middle East. But it has been the new state insurance companies that have taken over most of the cover previously provided by the oil companies and as a result have carried the losses on these two disasters.

In-house insurance companies are run by nearly all the large oil companies. Some have several of these special insurance operations that collect premiums from the various subsidiaries of the group and in return provide extensive cover for the offices, ships, and distribution networks outside the Middle East. Until recently they also covered most of the oilfield installations, pipelines, refineries, gas treatment plants and shipping terminals around The Gulf.

Three years ago, however, the character of the oil industry in the Middle East started to change. Governments began to acquire a small equity share in the oil companies' operations, which was later extended to a controlling 60 per cent stake. In most countries goverment has completely taken over the oil company operations, or are about to do so, even though Western oil men are continuing, in most cases, to run the exploration, production and exporting facilities on a service contract basis.

One of the basic rules of the oil companies' in-house insurance operations is that they only provide cover for installations in which the parent company has a direct equity holding. So as the stakes held by the national oil companies has increased so the amount of insurance business being done by the big oil companies in the Middle East has shrunk and has now all but disappeared.

There are now only a few areas of The Gulf where the companies have any equity holdings in the oil industry which gives their insurance subsidiaries the scope to operate. These include Abu Dhabi, Oman and Dubai.

While none of the insurance operations is happy about losing a source of premiums, the oil companies' departure from the Middle East has coincided with massive investments in oil from other sources. By comparison with the Middle East the offshore operations like the North Sea are costly and risky and are normally outside the range of the in-house insurers.

The rise of the national oil companies and the demise of the oil company insurance operations has given a great fillip to the newly formed national insurance companies that have sprung up around The Gulf. The two big disasters have dampened some of the initial enthusiasm.

Often the oil industry installations from oilfields gathering stations through the pipelines to the storage tanks, refineries, gasplants and export terminals, are the only big industrial installations in these countries and represent a captive market for the national insurance companies.

In countries like Kuwait and Qatar the national oil company is obliged to place its insurance with the national insurance company. These companies carry very little of the risk themselves but seek to reinsure through reinsurance brokers.

The big outstanding oil industry insurance question still to be settled is in Saudi Arabia, where the Government and the four American oil companies that are partners in Aramco are in the final stages of drawing up an agreement that will increase the state's interest in the consortium from 60 per cent to 100 per cent.

It is not clear what such an agreement will mean for the insurance business.

In Iran many of the land installations are largely uninsured although the big companies feel that in the event of a disaster they might find themselves paying something towards the cost even though they are now only customers.

In neighbouring Iraq local insurance companies have taken over the provision of cover previously provided by the Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC). Iraq presented the oil companies with big difficulties over insurance as it was often difficult to get the premiums out of the country.

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Port delays increase risk problems

by John Gaseleé

In many cases, it is a condition of sale that, when goods are being imported into Middle East countries, it is the importer who will be responsible for the insurance of the goods in transit. In other words, the exporter sells on c and f or fob terms.

That means that the insurance is often placed with a national insurer; for some Middle East national insurance concerns, transit business represents a substantial part of the whole account.

Because of the big spending on imports by some Middle East countries, there has been serious congestion, with consequent delays for cargo, at many ports. Inevitably, that has led to insurance difficulties, irrespective of the insurer.

There have been occasions when new and improvised methods have been adopted for the movement of cargoes, sometimes with serious results. For instance, on occasions bagged cement has been discharged from ships at anchor by using helicopters. While that has got the cement ashore quickly the costs have been high and there has been considerable loss of cement.

Another form of cargo handling deprecated by insurers has been the practice of unpacking cargo from a container in a vessel. The container is then discharged into barges for landing. There, again, good intentions can result in considerable loss and damage, simply because the packing of goods intended for container carriage usually is not suitable for a normal break bulk dry cargo.

Normally, cargo insurance covers the goods while in transit, until finally delivered, with the insurers taking into account the route which will be used, and the hazards likely to be encountered.

In view of the severe port congestion, it is often more satisfactory at the outset to charge a rate of premium which takes into account the greater exposure of the goods, compared with a transit without any delay.

The alternative, often used where there is competition and it is important to quote a relatively low rate of premium, is to incorporate the port delay clause. It has the effect of protecting the insurers' position in the event of delay. The port delay clause limits cover for goods on board vessels at ports of discharge to 60 days after the vessel's arrival. Insurers, therefore, know the extent of their cover for the initial premium quoted.

If cover is required beyond the 60-day period, insurers must be notified promptly, and an additional premium is likely to be payable for the excess period. The port delay clause is not in universal use, however. It is a form of protection which can be used by an insurer, where considered appropriate.

Last year, the idea was extended to war risks. The position under the normal war clauses is that cover is limited to 15 days after the arrival of the vessel at the port of discharge, or prior discharge of the particular cargo, with special provisions applying at transshipping ports.

The London insurance market is generally looked on as being the leading war risks market and, to give underwriters protection in the event of delay, it defined the word "arrival" as when "the vessel is anchored, moored or otherwise secured at a berth or place within the harbour authority area. If such a berth or place is not available, arrival is deemed to have occurred when the vessel first anchors, moors or otherwise secures either at or off the intended discharge port."

From the underwriters' point of view, the great advantage of cargo being dispatched by air is that they are off risk quite quickly. There is, however, the danger that packing may not be of a sufficiently high standard. What has to be remembered is that there is still the journey to and from the airport at each end, and the handling risks. It is at those stages when goods are most susceptible to damage, and those points have to be borne in mind when air cargo is insured.

There have been plenty of difficulties in connexion with exports travelling overland to the Middle East. In the event of an accident to a vehicle, all too often it has been almost stripped, with the result that claims experience has been very poor.

Naturally, insurers are anxious to reduce the level of losses on the Middle East run. Much depends on the operator. An experienced operator usually can cope; but there are still drivers with little or no experience of the area trying to join the get-rich-quick brigade, which can result in hardship for all concerned.

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Hijacks multiply political risks

by Denzil Stuart

One of the most difficult — and certainly the most challenging — areas of Middle East insurance is that of political risks cover.

Political risks insurance is not new, and it has occupied an established place, principally in the Lloyd's market, for many years. It has been profitable business for marine underwriters.

Traditionally, it is identified with war risks on marine hulls and cargoes, aircraft and, more recently, offshore drilling units. Although the threats of confiscation and hijacking have added new dimensions to the risks in recent years, generally speaking there have not been any insuperable problems for the insurance market.

In non-marine insurance, cover has traditionally been available against damage to property caused through strikes, riots, civil commotions and malicious damage —although here again the recent emergence of such developments as terrorism have complicated the position of insurers and reinsurers who write this class of business.

Now the market has moved into a new area of political risks insurance which revolves around protection for foreign investment. In the Middle East, this investment is primarily associated with the proliferation of huge construction projects.

Construction is by its nature a high-risk business, and in the Middle East the projects often are valued at well over £100m each. Although the risks remain the same, the financial burden of size, coupled with the political volatility of the area, throws up new problems.

The contract guarantee is a big problem, for example. It is normal for a contractor to provide a guarantee, either from an insurance company or a bank, for his performance of the contract; and in a joint venture each partner is normally bound to guarantee the performance of the others.

Although performance bonds have long been a normal feature of business in Europe and the United States, there is a growing trend for contracts to require the exporter to give an unconditional bank guarantee to support advance payments on the performance of the contract; such a guarantee or bond is generally payable on demand and is therefore capable of being encashed by the buyer without reference necessarily being made to the terms of the contract or the exporter's performance of such obligations.

Where the buyer is a government organization, Lloyd's can normally insure the exporter against the unfair calling of the bank guarantee at a time when the exporter is not in breach of the terms of the contract. Generally, however, insurers are reluctant to become involved in "on demand" performance guarantee bonds. And because of economic conditions, the procurement even of bonds of the traditional type has become more difficult.

Other contract frustration risks which may have to be considered as part of the contingency insurance cover include force majeure termination, import / export embargo risks, exchange transfer risks, and confiscation of plant and equipment.

Further forms of cover available are penalties for delay or non-performance, rejection, recourse indemnity, and forcible detention. Some of these covers will often be essential; for example, in Saudi Arabia contractors face onerous delay and performance penalty liabilities.

Mr Julian Radcliffe, a London expert on the subject, says: "It is ironic that the Western nations—which have suffered the confiscation of their investments on a large scale in the past 50 years, the blockage of their dividends and the damage of war—now see the Arab nations wrestling with the same political risks.

"It is recognized that the world's monetary system requires for its stability a catalyst to encourage short-term deposits made by Arab investors, typically in Swiss banks, to be committed for longer periods in equity or loan investments which are of greater use both to the developing world and to Western industry. It is the political risks which are the main deterrent to this process.

"The London insurance market, led by Lloyd's, should be set to develop a substantial volume of business insuring these funds against confiscation and inconvertibility. The Arabs recognize the risk, even in relation to investments made between different Arab countries, and have set up in Kuwait the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation to insure investments made between countries which are signatories to their agreement."

At a recent meeting, in London, of international loss adjusters, Mr Stephen Merrett, a leading underwriter at Lloyd's, remarked that the "new" political risks market had become necessary because of the extraordinary undertakings which the buyers from the Middle East were able to extract, especially from the construction industry.

The enormous size of some of the industrial projects there meant that no company could easily risk its balance sheet. At the same time, many companies could not accept the impairment of their credit that an uninsured bank bond would represent.

Mr Merrett pointed out that many of the risks were significantly increased by inflation of costs on construction projects which left many companies and authorities overstretched.

The size of the capacity required of the insurance market is a cause of mounting concern. Mr Merrett said: "In most areas of our business where there is an accumulation of liability for catastrophic losses a reinsurance market has evolved which gives great assistance in evening out the experience; but on political risks the reinsurers have been noticeably, albeit understandably, reticent."

Further evidence that companies are beginning to appreciate and react to political risks came last month when the British-based Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation stated that it was concerned that the level of protection against political expropriation at present available does not fully meet the group's requirements. "The Export Credits Guarantee Department's limits are far too small and the Lloyd's cover has no direct political leverage", an executive said, "so what we are trying to do is arrange a system of political risk guarantee throughout the EEC."

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The hijacked Lufthansa jet at Dubai airport last month. Such hijackings have not posed insuperable problems for the insurance market.

100 million people mean business

by Michael Prest

Nationalized insurance is big business in the Middle East. Few things illustrate the financial complexity of the region more clearly than the existence side by side of the aggressive free enterprise markets of Lebanon and The Gulf and the state-owned and controlled industries of Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Syria and the Yemen Arab Republic.

The very catalogue of countries points to the extent of the business: a combined population of perhaps 100 million spread among some of the main Arab states. But it also points to another fact: that these are not necessarily the rich Arab states. These two factors of political importance yet economic weakness have been decisive in moulding the character of nationalized insurance.

The model for all the nationalized insurance industries in the Middle East is Egypt. After the Suez affair President Nasser sequestrated much foreign-owned property, including insurance companies, most of them British and French in origin. The intention was to bring insurance under state ownership but retain an element of competition and flexibility of operation.

Three direct writing companies were set up: the Al Chark Insurance Co, the Misr Insurance Co and the National Insurance Co. In addition the Government founded the Egyptian Reinsurance Co. While the Government was the only shareholder, day-to-day charge of the business was put in the hands of the General Egyptian Organization for Insurance.

The GEOI set a tariff regulating the rates charged, but in matters of service there was supposed to be an element of competition between the three direct writing companies. But the experiment, bold as it was, encountered severe problems. Although Egypt's population is 40 million, the insurance market is actually rather smaller than that number of people might suggest because incomes are so low.

The GEOI fell victim to the bureaucratic disease which seems to afflict so much of Egyptian administration and the theory of competition in practice proved difficult to substantiate. Above all, in the early 1970s insurance suffered from the general malaise of the economy.

So, with the announcement in 1973 of the "open-door" policy of attracting foreign investment the government changed the structure of insurance. The General Organization was abolished and share-ownership vested in the Ministry of Finance, thereby bringing insurance directly under government control. It was hoped in this way to cut out the extra bureaucratic layer between government and consumer, reduce the patronage which had inhibited the industry's management, and at the same time lift controls on the maximum salaries payable to senior insurance managers.

The biggest changes, however, occurred in the freedom of operation accorded the individual companies. A tariff still exists, but by allowing separate companies to concentrate on particular sectors, for example aircraft or marine, the first step in a return to technical profitability has been achieved. The companies now earn a surplus which they have considerable freedom in using either for ploughing back into the business or for institutional investment, a novel development. In turn this has revived competition between the companies in what one expert terms "all normal areas", with a noticeable increase in life sales.

The "open-door" policy is unique to Egypt, and the changes of the last few years have on the whole not been repeated in other Arab countries with state-run insurance. Given that the other countries have not faced economic problems as severe as Egypt's, this is not surprising.

The case of Iraq shows how in more favourable circumstances Egypt might have developed. Iraq has far and away the most successful of the nationalized insurance industries in the region, with about 40 per cent of its $70m premium income in 1975 being earned abroad. It is probably no exaggeration to say that Iraq had an international reputation for insurance in the Middle East second only to Lebanon.

The success of Iraqi insurance seems all the more strange when the apparent rigidity of its structure is taken into account. As in Egypt there is a State Insurance Organization which is part of the Ministry of Finance. It is autonomous and responsible for the smooth running of the business, though the Government is the sole shareholder.

Unlike Egypt, however, there are only three companies covering the broad categories of insurance: the National Insurance Co, for direct writing; the Iraq Life Insurance Co; and the Iraq Reinsurance Co. Tariffs are fixed on the basis of experience and special emphasis is placed on service, the argument being that with rates fixed and security to all intents and purposes backed by the state, the area in which the companies have most responsibility to their customers is service.

The companies are advised by committees of technical experts, but otherwise are meant to be left much to their own devices. Budgets, reserves and balance sheets are assessed independently by the tax authorities as with any commercial enterprize. The difficulties encountered by the Iraqi companies, profitable as they are, have been the same as those found in other sectors of the economy. Life premiums are affected by people's capacity to save, which is clearly related to income, and administration is handicapped by a shortage of qualified staff.

The influence of the Egyptian model is attributable not just to Nasser and Egypt's political weight, but also to the large number of insurance experts trained in the country who seek jobs elsewhere in the Arab world. Many are educated at the Department of Commercial Mathematics and Insurance in the Faculty of Economics and Business Science at Cairo University.

The results of this migration of skilled manpower are illustrated by the dominance of Egyptians in Libyan insurance. Libya has only two insurance companies, both owned by the Ministry of Finance. Here, more than in Iraq or Egypt, traditional Muslim objections to insurance have played a part in restricting the market, but this has to some extent been offset by the new-found wealth of the middle class which, if not a market for life cover, certainly has plenty of possessions requiring protection.

None of the other Arab countries with nationalized insurance has markets which approach in value those already described. Yemen, Sudan and Algeria are all small, their growth restrained by low incomes and population. Algeria is the biggest and does have a specialist agricultural insurance company which derives some of its distinctiveness from French influence.

The comparative success of Iraq's nationalized industry is overshadowed by the less well-known but remarkable achievements of Algeria. The superficial organization of the industry is again on Egyptian lines, with responsibility for the regulation of the industry vested in the Association des Sociétés d'Assurances Opérant en Algérie. Final accountability lies with the Ministry of Finance, but the separate companies are allowed a fair measure of freedom within the framework of the national five-year plans.

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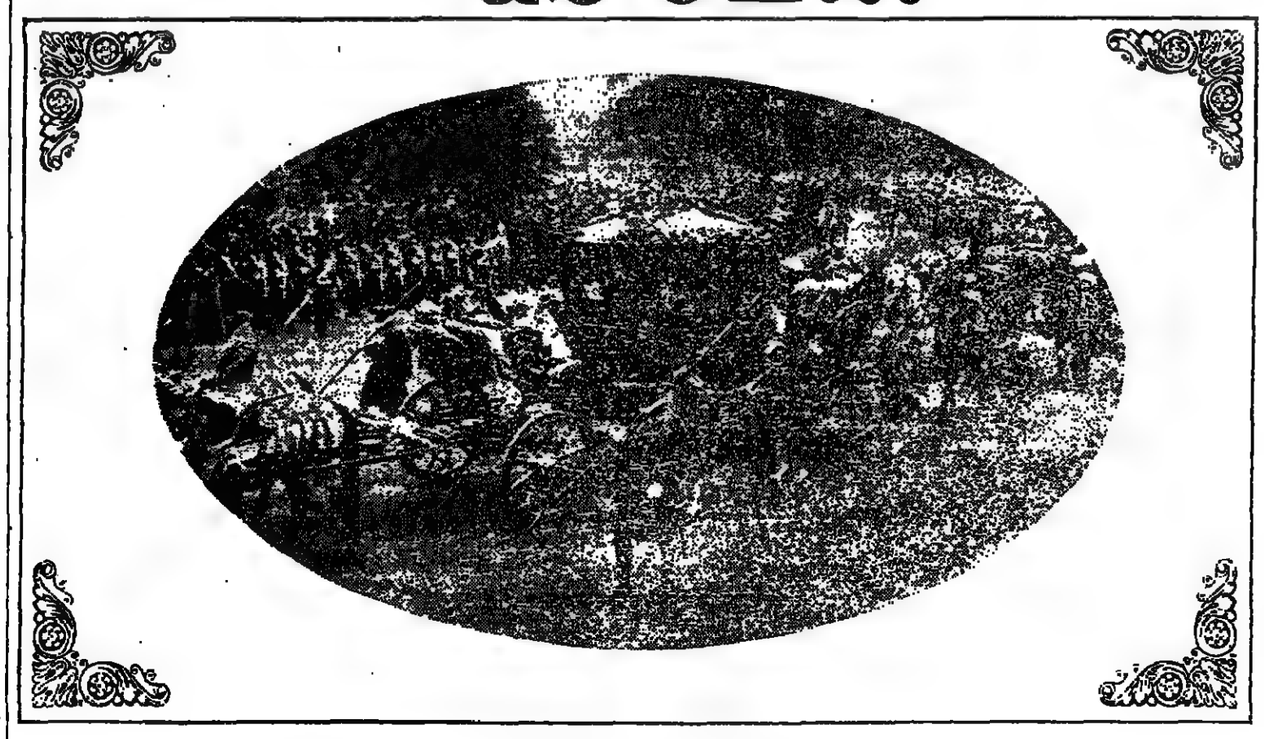

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Helicopters unloading cement from ships at Jiddah. Congestion that plagued Saudi ports until earlier this year posed the problem of decaying cargoes and in some cases limits were set to the duration of cover.

Booming market without rules

by Michael Prest

Imagine a deeply religious and traditional country with a booming insurance market but no insurance law. Think of a place which has seen some spectacular deals in recent years, but about which only the hardiest people will offer statistics. Then try to absorb the contradictions in a market where nearly all the underwriting is done outside the country but where large profits are made by local agents without whom the business could not carry on at all.

That place is Saudi Arabia, a country much in the news but never easy to understand. It is an exciting and expanding market.

The other side of that excitement, however, is the uncertainty. Will the Government introduce an insurance law? How quickly will local underwriters emerge? Could the present cut-throat competition result in misfortune which would cause the Government to turn against foreign insurers, as it has recently rapped the knuckles of some foreign contractors?

None of those questions can be easily answered. Perhaps the greatest difficulty is the absence of reliable figures. Until 1975 the market was small, but began to expand in that year. Estimates of annual premium income vary between $80m and $150m, with the higher figure probably the more accurate. Nobody seems prepared to guess how fast the market is growing, except to say that it is booming.

A vague idea of the size of the market can be deduced from the type of business done and the firms involved. Approximately 90 per cent of risks is for marine cargo and contractors. The former has much the largest slice of the entire market, perhaps as much as 70 per cent, because of a government stipulation requiring all imported goods to be insured. Cover on shops, houses and vehicles, particularly lorries, form a small but expanding part of the business.

Marine cargo has proved especially doubtful. The chronic congestion at Saudi ports, particularly Jiddah, has led to new risks of decay of or damage to cargoes while waiting at sea or on the quay. Some insurers have now set limits to the duration of the cover offered without extra premiums being charged, and 60 days is a common condition.

The diverse sources of Saudi Arabia's imports also means that a lot of foreign insurers have been introduced to the market, adding to the already intense competition.

Contractors' "all risks" cover is often beset with difficulties of sheer size of the development project. Insurers have to be sought from all over the world from Europe to Japan.

Massive risks are nothing new on the Saudi market. The oil refinery owned by Getty at Mina Saud near the Neutral Zone and the Saudi Arabian Fertiliser Company plant at Dammam were both insured before the boom started in 1973.

But some complications did arise last October with the massive $1,000m contract won by Hyundai of South Korea for the new Jubail port. The size of the risk dictated setting a loss limit, agreed with the contractor, on the logic that so big a project was not likely to be destroyed this side of the Apocalypse and that the risks were therefore specific. The contract for this deal was handled by the National Bank of Bahrain's insurance department and much of the underwriting and reinsurance was placed in London.

The fact is that there is almost no underwriting in Saudi Arabia. The combination of traditional religious sanctions and the absence of an insurance history is certainly powerful. But insurance is not illegal: it is simply not officially recognized. Saudi involvement is either through agencies or sponsoring, and participating in the operations of foreign-managed companies.

Thus the strongest professional influence in the country's three main companies comes from outside: Saudi United Insurance (started in 1976) includes Commercial Union of Britain, Swiss Reinsurance, and the al-Qasibi family; National Insurance numbers in its ranks Munich Reinsurance and the Juffali brothers; while Red Sea Insurance has links with C. T. Bowring in London.

But in many ways the key to the Saudi insurance market is the agency system. The considerable number of local agents pressing for business has been blamed for the sharp competition in premium writing and the consequent acceptance by some companies of allegedly uneconomic risks.

Experts point out, however, that the agents are not wholly at fault because there have been plenty of foreign companies, some of them Japanese and before 1975 many Lebanese, willing to sell cut-price insurance. It is also suggested that the services of some agents may be declined when within the next two years the full effect of uneconomic risks is known.

The future of the Saudi market is worrying many of the responsible firms active there. They feel that without regulation it will be hard to resist the cost-cutting pressure of new companies trying to get a slice of the business.

A possible development, reported to be under ministerial discussion, is that the Government will become the principal in future deals concerning major development schemes so that it will really be the Government and not the contractor which is insured.

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Bahrain's entrepôt role

by Tony Newnham

Bahrain, in common with other Gulf states, has grown rapidly in recent years. Unlike the other states, however, it has few oil resources of its own and has profited from the prosperity of its oil-producing neighbours.

It is official government policy that Bahrain's economy should be service-based and the state has already proved its power to attract offshore banking units (OBUs).

The country's advanced telecommunications facilities and well-run modern airport should help to further this aim, while the grave effect on Beirut of the long-drawn-out fighting in the Lebanon last year has enhanced the attraction of Bahrain.

Throughout a large part of The Gulf, prosperity has led to the development of a thriving national insurance industry. Traditionally, the Bahrain insurance market, like those of most other Gulf states, has been very much an agency operation with most of the large international insurers there, underwriting local business direct. The picture is now changing.

The first national company to be formed was the Bahrain Insurance Company—one third Iraqi owned—and already it has reported considerable success, with premium income rising. Last year, two other insurance companies were set up: the Bahrain and Kuwait Insurance Company (40 per cent owned by Kuwaitis) and Al Ahlia (The National) Insurance Company, which is wholly Bahraini-owned.

With the establishment of national insurance markets in Bahrain and other Gulf states has come a change in the role of the broker and foreign insurer.

Brokers now have a vital part to play, both as consultants while the local companies build up their experience and in placing reinsurance, particularly as the large size of many risks involves major insurance markets throughout the world.

Foreign insurers are writing less direct business but are participating in the large risks by reinsurance.

The general growth of national insurance markets in The Gulf has been accelerated by the boom in the construction industry in that area, and a number of international companies have selected Bahrain as the base for their Middle East expansion programmes. It is therefore a natural desire to retain within the region part of the considerable premium income generated by the major industrial complexes which are being built there.

The value of the Middle East construction industry has led to highly competitive rating from insurers and as a result risks are often rated more favourably than they would be if they emanated from another part of the world. However, some underwriters are concerned at the build-up of a number of large risks in some areas.

Bahrain itself, despite its present concentration on attracting OBUs, has a thriving construction industry and its own share of major risks. Foremost among these is the drydock Asry (Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard), valued at between $130m and $150m, which is now operating successfully.

Excluding Asry, it was recently estimated that about $3,000m worth of construction work is taking place in Bahrain. In particular, a large number of hotels are being built in the area.

The major programme will be the construction of the causeway and bridges linking Saudi Arabia with the island of Bahrain at a cost of about $825m. It is expected that this long-awaited contract, which is being handled by Kampsax International and Christiani & Nielsen as consultants on behalf of the Saudi and Bahrain authorities, will be awarded towards the end of this year.

The regional airline, Gulf Air, is based in Bahrain and is insured chiefly on the London market as reinsurance of local companies. Major industrial developments in Bahrain are the aluminium smelter Alba (Aluminium Bahrain) and the huge refinery on Sitra Island which mainly refines crude oil from Saudi Arabia.

The fairly advanced attitude of the country towards insurance is illustrated by the fact that Bahrain has already established a social insurance programme. On June 29, 1976, a law was passed to provide benefit cover and is now being introduced by stages to establish a full welfare scheme.

This covers, among other things, retirement pensions, payments upon disability or death and compensation for injuries received at work. It is also intended to introduce regulations covering sickness, unemployment and family allowances as part of a full social security scheme.

Bahrain and the other Gulf states represent a significant area for London insurance brokers in terms of potential business and development. In responding to the national aspirations to build a local market by training local staff and providing expert knowledge, they should be assured of a continuing role in this important and growing insurance centre.

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Language barrier limits Morocco's sphere

by a Special Correspondent

The Moroccan insurance market ranks as one of the most advanced in the Arab world. And yet Morocco's influence on the fast growing market of the Middle East has been limited by its inheritance of French business traditions.

French culture retains its hold on Casablanca, the country's commercial centre. And French remains the primary business language, putting Morocco outside the mainstream of English-speaking insurers spread from Egypt eastwards across the oil rich states of The Gulf.

Morocco's separate development has, however, closely followed the post-colonial pattern seen elsewhere in North Africa and the Middle East. The laisser faire attitude towards internal commerce changed radically when Morocco ceased to be a French colony. Progressively tighter controls on insurance companies, legal restraints on the volume of direct insurance business contracted overseas and the establishment of national insurance companies with majority local shareholdings forced a steady stream of mergers and withdrawals from the market throughout the 1960s.

Twenty years ago more than 100 companies and agencies vied for insurance business within the country; now there are just 16 national companies, five of which dominate the market. Protection for the local industry and efforts to stem the outflow of foreign currency has resulted in monopoly status for these national companies operating competitively within Morocco's direct insurance market. And the establishment of the state backed Société Centrale de Réassurance in 1960 gave Morocco a foothold in the international market as well as providing the ministry of Finance with a tool both to stimulate and help to police the development of the local industry.

Quarterly accounts submitted by the national companies provide the SCR, and through it the finance ministry, with a detailed and constantly updated picture of the insurance industry throughout the country. By closely supervising the developing patterns of business the SCR is able to act as a semi-official regulatory authority, guiding the growth of the industry, providing advice and trained staff to help to expand new business for the national companies, as well as forging Morocco's links with other insurance markets within and beyond the Arab world.

The SCR is, by European standards, in an ambiguous position. On the one hand it is set up as an independent, Moroccan-controlled company. Foreign shareholders include Britain's Guardian Royal Exchange with a 5 per cent stake. And, if talks now in progress succeed, there will soon be greater equity participation by overseas insurance groups led by the investment-hungry Kuwaitis whose recent enthusiasm for Casablanca as a home for surplus oil revenues has led to a dramatic inflation in the price of commercial property and other investments.

This independent status does, however, tend to obscure the SCR's unique position within Morocco's insurance industry. Without the self-regulatory mechanisms or state controls developed over centuries in the insurance markets of the West, the Moroccan Government has adopted a flexible, cheap and effective way of overseeing insurance developments by using the SCR as its eyes, ears and, when necessary, its voice in the market.

This role is reinforced by the system of legal cessions, requiring national companies to pass a proportion of their business to the SCR.

The legal cession increased from 5 to 10 per cent of each national company's direct insurance business in 1969 and now accounts for a third of SCR's total premium income. Since January last year the companies have also been required to place 50 per cent of their reinsurance business with the SCR, regulations drafted to stem the outflow of foreign exchange and to help it accumulate funds to increase the capacity of the local market to write both direct and reinsurance business.

The need for a constant expansion of the local insurance market's capacity is underlined by an 18 to 20 per cent annual rate of premium income growth in recent years. Morocco does not have the oil or natural gas wealth of its Arab neighbours. But its economy has enjoyed a similarly major stimulus with the rocketing world price of phosphates, the country's main export.

Motor insurance remains the main source of premiums, and the main problem area for the national companies. In 1975 motor insurance accounted for 43 per cent of the total $133m of premiums. But underwriting losses here counterbalanced profits from all other business. Efforts to improve the rating structure have been overtaken by claims inflation and even after the last major round of rate increases in 1973, increases which averaged 40 per cent, the account remained in the red.

Morocco ranks third in the Arab world, behind Egypt and Lebanon in the scale of its life insurance business. Although life contracts now account for only about 7.5 per cent of total premiums, they are, thanks to the pace of urbanization, a key growth area.

Experience gained in joint Arab insurance pooling operations help the Moroccan companies to deal with a proportion of the major construction and industrial plant risks being created by the national development programme. Along with the other Maghreb countries, Algeria and Tunisia, Morocco formed a joint insurance pool in 1972 for the national shipping fleets. And the SCR manages the marine hull pool set up in 1974 as one of the pan-Arab reinsurance groupings under the wing of the Arab General Insurance Federation.

Experience does not equate with capacity, however, and, although the SCR claims that it is now able to deal with 70 per cent of Morocco's reinsurance needs, a sizable proportion of this business is subsequently laid off internationally.

Beirut strives to regain its past

Levantine insurance has characteristics all its own. Before the outbreak of serious fighting in 1975, Beirut was the insurance centre of the Middle East, besides being the financial centre generally.

It is remembered half fondly and half in awe by those with long experience of it as the fastest market in the world, a sometimes bewildering mêlée of highly reputable international companies and brokers with less well-known concerns that suffered, as one London executive described it, "a high casualty rate". The question now is how the market will develop in the aftermath of the fighting.

For a country of perhaps three million people, including non-Lebanese, the size of the business was remarkable. About 70 companies were operating in or from Beirut two years ago with a premium income estimated at $27m or possibly more. The bulk of the business came from abroad, marine and general cargo insurance accounting for about 40 per cent of income.

Many of the companies used Beirut as a regional headquarters, employing agents in other Middle East countries, especially The Gulf and Saudi Arabia. This was the pattern favoured by Lebanese companies and the intensity of the competition they created in the fast-expanding markets of The Gulf and Saudi Arabia became a byword among other insurers.

But at the centre of the business was a number of foreign companies and groups with combined foreign and domestic interests. Among these were 18 British insurance companies and three important brokers. American, French, German and Swiss firms were also heavily represented. Some of the best-known companies were alliances between local and outside interests such as Libano-Suisse Société d'Assurances and Middle East Assurance and Reinsurance in which the American International Reinsurance Group had a stake.

These companies accounted for the lion's share of the market. It was at the fringe, however, that the unusual character of Lebanese insurance was established. The problem for the small companies was that their resources permitted only a low retention rate. They therefore greatly relied on reinsurers, mainly in Europe.

In order to raise their profit margins these companies tended to resort to bargaining, not only over premiums but settlements as well. The atmosphere was infectious, and several London insurers and reinsurers have admitted that it was sometimes necessary to join in, unorthodox though it appeared to be.

Bargaining of this kind was rather strange even by Lebanese standards because the industry was anxious to gain international acceptance, at least in the Middle East, and because the Government set rates. Official regulation did prevent serious failures, but it was not generally enough to guarantee complete security to principals who occasionally found companies did not meet their obligations.

The outbreak of fighting brought much of this activity to a halt. Business did not stop entirely, but it was certainly much diminished. No reliable figures are available for the extent to which premium income fell, but 50 per cent is an educated guess.

Some local companies were forced to close shop, but many of the international concerns transferred their operations to more peaceful surroundings and in some cases kept their employees in Beirut on the payroll even though no business was being done.

The American Life Company, for example, moved to Amman and so far has not moved back to Beirut, while Stewart Wrightson, the British brokers, continued to pay 35 workers and at the same time opened a new Middle East office in Paris.

The reaction of different firms has thus largely depended on their assessment of how Lebanon would emerge from the war. Much of the Gulf trade has been lost, but it is by no means beyond the capabilities of the Lebanese to recover a good part of it. Losses on Lebanese risks have for obvious reasons been high. The Government is, however, determined to prevent a major collapse and is offering substantial investment incentives to rebuild confidence.

A new decree published in January has set up a national organization for the insurance of investments which guarantees compensation by the Government against financial losses consequent on war. But most of the foreign companies which moved out of Lebanon last year are still biding their time.

In recent months the Lebanese insurance industry has been split by a dispute over whether damage caused by the fighting can be classified under the normal strike, riot and civil commotion (SRCC) treaty. Claims put at between £L700m and £L1,000m have been lodged under this provision. But the Association of Lebanese Insurance Companies, acting on the advice of the French jurist, Professor Georges Vedel, is arguing that the events of the past two years constituted a civil war and that such claims are therefore inadmissible.

Those making these claims have alleged, among other things, that the companies continued to conclude insurance contracts, at increased premiums, during the fighting. There appears to be evidence to support this charge. But despite government efforts to effect a reconciliation between the companies and their claimants, the association is saying that the matter can be settled only through the courts.

Although conditions in Lebanon for businessmen still leave much to be desired, there is a strong possibility that, barring a further outbreak of fighting, the insurance market could begin to recover in the next few months. Companies will then have to decide whether they want to stay in their refuges in Europe and elsewhere in the Middle East or whether they will risk moving back to Beirut.

The choice partly depends on overall political developments in the region. The repercussions throughout the Middle East of a revival of Lebanese insurance could be substantial, not least for United Kingdom companies which have picked up business as the result of Lebanon's troubles. It is the kind of risk assessment at which insurers ought to excel.

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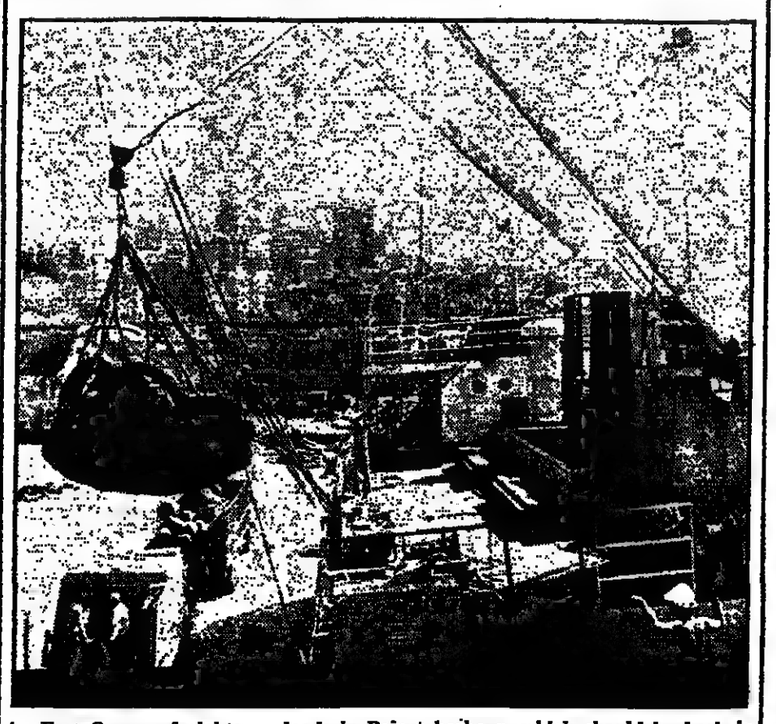

An East German freighter unloads in Beirut harbour, which should be back in full use by the end of the year.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1976/77 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99¾	93¾	Treas 4% 1972-77	99⅞	..	4.006	6.059
101½	93½	Treas 9% 1976	101½	..	8.883	3.167
104½	93¾	Treas 10½% 1976	103⅞	..	10.163	5.411
100¼	89⅝	Exch 5% 1976-78	99⅞	..	5.006	5.134
97¾	82¼	Treas 3% 1979	95⅞	..	3.137	5.512
107	92½	Treas 11½% 1979	105¾	-⅛	10.924	7.301
98¾	82¼	Elec 4¾% 1974-79	97⅞	..	4.376	5.065
108½	88½	Treas 10½% 1979	104½	-⅛	10.036	7.927
97¼	82¼	Elec 3½% 1976-79	95¾	..	3.643	5.559
106¾	84½	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	102⅝	..	8.789	7.746
105¾	84½	Treas 9½% 1980	102⅝	..	9.258	8.338
98	79¼	Fund 5½% 1978-80	97⅞	+⅛	9.392	6.370
95	78¼	Treas 3½% 1977-80	93⅞	+⅛	3.727	6.064
117¾	96	Exch 13% 1980	126⅝	..	11.826	9.190
108½	89½	Treas 11½% 1981	105⅝	-⅛	10.854	9.274
94¼	76¼	Treas 9½% 1979-81	91¼	-¼	9.830	9.380
104	82¼	Treas 9¾% 1981	101⅛	+⅛	9.630	9.332
110½	97½	Exch 9½% 1981	100¾	..	9.439	9.480
113¾	96¼	Exch 12¾% 1981	110¼	..	11.498	9.453
92¾	72	Exch 3% 1981	92⅛	+⅛	3.269	5.354
100½	79¼	Treas 8½% 1980-82	97⅞	+⅛	8.753	9.330
98½	93¾	Treas 8¾% 1982	95⅛	-⅛	8.981	9.838
93½	68¾	Treas 3% 1982	86¾	..	3.398	6.168
118½	98½	Treas 14% 1982	115⅞	..	12.080	9.467
103¾	93¾	Exch 9¾% 1982	99⅞	..	9.333	9.475
87¾	83	Exch 3% 1983	83½	+⅛	3.636	7.018
113	88¼	Treas 12% 1983	110¾	+⅛	11.059	9.977
101¾	90¾	Treas 9% 1983	98¼	+⅛	9.180	9.826
95¾	78	Fund 5½% 1982-84	89⅞	..	6.266	8.044
92¾	74¼	Treas 5½% 1984-86	84¼	..	9.073	9.580
87	66¼	Fund 6½% 1985-87	83	..	7.845	9.229
92¾	69¾	Treas 7½% 1985-88	86¾	..	9.014	9.292
79½	44¾	Trans 3% 1978-88	65¾	..	4.676	8.083
93½	61¾	Treas 3½% 1988-89	75¼	..	7.127	9.164
93½	61¾	Treas 3½% 1987-90	69	..	9.527	10.299
121½	86½	Treas 13% 1990	115¾	..	11.705	11.359
111	90½	Treas 11¾% 1991	105¾	..	11.482	11.411
73¾	47¾	Fund 5½% 1987-91	70½	..	8.220	9.832
117	83	Treas 12% 1992	112¼	..	11.763	11.518
112	98¾	Exch 12¾% 1992	107¾	..	11.700	11.378
115½	81	Treas 12½% 1993	111¾	..	11.715	11.257
126	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	114¾	..	11.929	11.629
72¾	45¾	Fund 6% 1993	67½	..	9.009	10.324
127¾	91¾	Treas 15% 1994	125¾	..	12.098	11.759
113¾	94¾	Exch 12½% 1994	111¾	..	11.853	11.072
95¼	69½	Treas 9% 1994	85½	+⅛	10.503	10.361
49¾	28	Ridmpts 3% 1986-96	45¾	..	6.815	8.984
30¾	25¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	47¾	..	6.368	9.619
110¾	97¼	Treas 12% 1995	109¾	..	11.797	11.562
118¾	79	Treas 13¾% 1995	108¾	+⅛	11.756	11.621
91¾	59¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	85½	..	10.696	11.034
123¾	97½	Treas 13¾% 1996	125¾	..	12.151	11.831
123½	81½	Exch 13% 1996	112	..	11.969	11.643
121	83¾	Treas 13¾% 1997	115¾	..	11.886	11.696
72¾	45	Treas 6¾% 1996-98	66¾	..	10.134	10.847
124¾	85½	Treas 15½% 1998	130¾	..	12.068	11.792
99	58	Treas 9% 1997	83¾	..	10.671	11.000
98¾	62¾	Treas 9% 1999	85¾	..	10.587	11.139
43¾	28½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	40¾	..	8.834	10.041
81¼	51	Treas 8% 2002-06	75¾	..	10.741	10.919
38¾	30¾	Treas 2½% 2006-11	32¾	..	10.382	10.943
80	55¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	74	..	10.801	10.877
28¾	23¾	Consols 4%	26½	..	11.339	..
28¾	23¾	War Ln 3½%	24½	..	10.063	..
28¾	23¾	Conv 3½%	24¾	..	9.688	..
28¾	23½	Treas 3%	24¾	..	11.458	..
24	16	Consols 2½%	22¾	..	11.106	..
23½	18¾	Treas. 2½% Aft 75	22¾	..	11.372	..

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1976/77 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	88½	Aust 5½% 76-78	100	..	5.510	6.382
95¾	77	Aust 5½% 77-80	95¾	..	5.887	6.975
87¼	68	Aust 5½% 81-82	85¾	..	6.416	9.533
87¼	69¾	Aust 6% 81-83	82¼	+¼	7.125	9.997
93½	73¾	Aust 7½% 78-81	93¾	+¼	7.637	9.716
95	80	Chilean Mtged	98	..		
78½	59	E Africa 5½% 77-83	75	..	7.597	12.883
270	193	German 4½% 1930	270	..		
41	29	Hungary 4½% 1924	40	..		
90¾	67¼	Ireland 5½% 81-83	89	..		
98½	82¾	Jamaica 7¾% 1949	85	..	9.089	10.078
268	168	Japan Acc 6% 1910	260	..		
76	48	Japan 6% 63-83	73	..		
77½	62½	Kenya 5% 78-82	77	..	6.882	12.444
84½	69	Malaya 7½% 78-82	84	..	9.116	12.097
101¾	94¾	N Z 6% 1973-83	94¾	..	6.902	9.250
81	61	N Z 7% 82-92	77	..	9.719	10.731
89	63	N Z 7½% 83-86	87¾	..	8.823	10.189
91	73	N Rhd 6% 78-81	90	..	6.801	10.454
91	73	Nigeria 6% 78-81	90	..	6.801	10.454
157	115	Peru 6% Ass 1888				
92	79¼	S Africa 5½% 78-81	91	..		
81	26	S Rhd 4½% 65-70	46	..		
56	16	S Rhd 4½% 67-72	43	..		
75	30	S Rhd 6% 76-81	63	..		
84	47½	Spanish 4%	49	..		
90	64	Tang 5½% 76-83	80	..	7.271	12.172
91	60	Uruguay 3½%	91	..		

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1976/77 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	18	L C C 3% 1920	24¼	+¼	12.425	..
54¼	36¼	L C C 3% 60-63	51	..	6.147	9.388
57¾	41	L C C 3% 67-70	54¼	..	6.474	9.424
67¾	56	L C C 3½% 84-87	63¾	..	6.866	9.731
78¼	48	L C C 5% 87-90	73¾	..	7.488	9.848
100	67¾	L C C 6% 78-79	100	..	3.996	5.820
97¾	69	L C C 6% 79-80	94	..	6.546	9.417
79	48¼	L C C 6% 80-90	74¼	..	9.219	10.765
76¾	46¼	G L C 5% 90-92	70	..	9.830	11.309
76¾	46¼	G L C 5% 92-94	74¼	..	9.850	9.960
107	87	G L C 12% 1982	106¾	-¼	11.786	10.787
109½	98¼	G L C 13% 1983	106¾	..	12.087	11.692
90½	66	G o L 5% 78-79	89¾	..	8.504	6.664
87	66¾	G o L 5% 80-82	81¾	..	7.482	9.047
92¾	69¾	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	87¾	..	8.981	10.255
75	49¾	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	73¾	..	10.217	11.785
73¾	46¾	Ag Mt 6% 93-96	70	..	9.572	11.262
91¾	71	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91¾	..	7.108	9.818
113¾	96¾	Birm 12¾% 1983	112¾	..	6.978	10.966
88	62	Camden 6% 77-79	87¾	..	8.581	8.897
91¼	68¾	Croydon 6% 78-81	90¾	..	7.438	9.288
82	63	Edin 6½% 77-79	81¾	..	6.887	8.888
103	75¾	Glasgow 6½% 80-82	97	..	9.588	10.975
100	85¾	Gwlch 6½% 76-78	99¾	-¼	6.779	7.328
110¾	97¾	Liverpl 12½% 1981	108¾	-¼	13.428	10.645
30¾	18	Met Water B 3% 34-03	28¾	+¼	10.232	11.878
75¾	62	N Y 3% 1960-63	65¾	..	7.361	12.898
84	60	N I 7½% 85-84	80¾	..	8.688	11.254
84	60	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	83	..	7.857	11.108
95¾	82½	Nottm 6½% 76-78	95¾	..	6.794	7.727
95¾	80¾	Stbend 6½% 77-79	91	..	6.488	8.076
85	65¾	Swan 6½% 83-86	81	..	8.310	9.269
93¾	76¾	Swan 6½% 78-80	93	..	6.444	9.348

FOREIGN STOCKS

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
84½	37	Bayer	146	-3¾	197	4.3	20.4
14½	11½	Commerzbank	£14¼	..	4.30	18.6	67
28½	21	Cp Fn Paris	£28½	..	234	8.7	6.5
52	36	EBES	£46	..	281	6.1	..
29¾	24	Ericsson	£29¾	..	69.2	4.0	18.4
42	6	Finsider	8	..	43	12.8	..
73	54	Grangesberg	67½	..	4.3	6.4	..
390	400	Horchst	473	+5	19.7	4.1	10.4
46	11	Montecatini E	18	..	..	..	..
662	517	Rubeco N.S	540	-7	29.7	5.5	30.9
497	367	Siemens Ams H	381	-1	8.9	1.3	50.5
190	68	Sola Viscosa	85	..	..	..	..
205	169½	Thyssen-Huette	178	..	..	..	13.8
71	38	Volkswagen	271	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10⅛	7⅛	Brascan	10⅛	-⅛	57.4p	6.1	4.3
11½	7¾	BP Canada	£10¾	+⅛	..	..	..
18¾	10½	Can Pac Ord	£11½	..	80.8	4.4	7.8
55¾	41	El Paso	£51¾	..	41.7	3.3	23.5
51½	31¼	Exxon Corp	£35½	-⅛	..	..	..
37½	23¾	Fluor	£27¾	-⅛	60 2	2.2	12.1
22¾	18	Hollinger	£20	..	..	..	..
34⅛	23¾	Hud Bay Oil	£29¾	-⅛	29 9	1.0	86.4
24¾	13¾	Husky Oil	£16½	+⅛	..	..	..
31¾	22¾	INCO	£12⅝	-⅛	56.3	4.4	5.4
11½	7½	IU Int	£8¾	-⅛	55.4	6.1	11.8
34⅛	20¾	Kaiser Alum	£22¼	-⅛	81.4	3.6	..
22	11	Massey-Ferg	£12¾	+⅛	68.1	5.3	..
21¾	13¾	Norton Simon	£14½	-⅛	43.7	3.0	11.6
57¾	29	Pacific Petrol	£32½	+⅛	..	..	..
22¾	12½	Pan Canadian	£20	..	..	..	..
218	102	Steep Rock	168	..	..	..	..
12¾	8¾	Trans Can P	£10¾	..	..	..	..
47¾	19¾	US Steel	£32¾	+⅛	..	..	..
750	700	White Pass	725	..	15.0	2.1	21.0
13¾	7½	Zapata Corp	£9¾	..	17.5	2.1	4.3

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
308	130	Alexs Discount	245	..	25.0	9.0	46.8
500	225	Allied B Rom	430	..	48.1	8.0	9.3
148¾	83	Allied Irish	134	..	10.0n	8.1	4.3
195	90	Arb-Latham	155	..	14.0	9.0	10.6
362	267	ANZ Grp	277	-4	11.6b	4.2	7.0
300	168	Bk of Ireland	290	..	28.1b	6.9	5.9
17	11	Bk Leumi Israel	21	..	1.1	5.4	5.2
210	170	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
617	370	Bk of NSW	450	-5	18.6	4.1	8.6
325	182	Bk of Scotland	243	+3	16.5	6.8	6.0
344	224	Barc Trst NY	£229	+4	175	6.9	6.6
350	193	Barclays Bank	307	..	16.4	5.3	7.8
208	95	Brown Shipley	195	..	12.8	6.5	7.2
258	125	Cater Ryder	203	..	26.6	7.9	5.1
284	229	Chase Nat	231	..	128	6.1	10.1
31¼	15¾	Citicorp	£17¾	-⅛	61.7	..	9.1
43	35	Clive Discount	78	+3	7.2	9.2	8.8
295	200	Com Bk of Aust	245	..	19.3	4.2	9.3
255	115	Com Bk of Syd	133	..	8.3	6.2	..
29¾	12¾	CC De France	£15¾	..	131	8.4	11.2
35	4	First Nat Fin	19	..	..	..	..
14½	8½	Fraser Ans	10½	..	..	..	..
210	85	Gerrard & Nat	180	..	12.4	6.9	7.9
34	28	Gibbs A.	38	..	3.0	7.8	14.2
277	125	Gillett Bros	220	..	23.4	10.6	10.2
15¾	10	Grindlays Hldgs	96	..	15.1	7.5	10.0
124	110	Guinness Peat	200	+7	15.1	7.5	10.0
23	11	Hambros £10	£20	..	131	6.6	..
257	103	Do Ord	230	..	13.1	5.7	6.6
131	56	Hill Samuel	83	..	6.6	7.1	8.1
247¾	252¾	Hong K & Shang	258	-6	7.7b	2.6	25.6
88	33¾	Jessel Toynbee	77	..	6.2	8.0	..
228	100	Joseph L.	180	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
54	16	Keyser Ullmann	44	+1	0.5	1.1	..
80	30	King & Shaxson	64	+2	4.7	7.3	6.2
134	62	Kleinwort Ben	102	-2	5.9	5.7	8.5
187	158	Lloyds Bank	255	+3	13.3	8.2	5.2
177	84	Mercury Secs	133	..	5.1	3.9	6.6
377	203	Midland	340	+3	20.6	6.1	5.8
15	30	Minster Assets	58	..	5.0	8.6	8.4
256	195	Nat of Aust	245	..	9.0b	3.7	8.6
87	48	Nat Com Bk Grp	66	+1	3.8	3.7	5.2
297	170	Nat W'minster	255	..	16.5	6.5	6.0
49	32½	Ottoman	£40	..	250	6.3	11.2
40	33	Rea Bros	80	..	2.4	4.0	12.8
27¼	16	Royal of Can	£17¾	-⅛	70.3	4.1	13.3
490	220	Schroders	430	..	15.7	3.6	15.2
290	133½	Seccombe Mar	200	..	18.4	8.0	6.8
100	38	Smith St Aubyn	80	+3	7.2	9.2	..
450½	290	Standard Chart	370	-5	28.2	6.8	5.3
515	280	Union Discount	435	+5	32.4	7.5	17.4
74	15	Wintrust	80	..	4.6	7.6	23.9

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
93½	45	Allied	89½	+½	5.8n	6.6	12.2
173	66	Bass Charrington	147	+1	6.8	4.7	15.9
180	121¾	Bell A.	134	+ ..	14.7	4.4	13.5
136	72	Boddingtons	124	..	5.4	4.3	13.2
106	50	Brown M.	100	..	3.5	3.5	11.8
177	78	Bulmer H. P.	135	..	4.8	3.6	7.8
122	57	Burton-on-T	119	..	4.8	4.0	8.3
95	29	C of Edn Dis	60	..	3.6	6.1	23.6
147	83	Devenish	132	..	8.7b	6.6	7.7
191½	96	Distillers	166	+2	10.0	6.0	10.5
317	170	Glenlivet Dist	305	..	8.4	2.1	14.7
193	41	Greenall	89	..	3.6	4.3	10.8
240	130	Greene King	222	..	10.0	4.5	12.5
189	94	Guinness	176	+1	10.0	5.7	8.0
137	83	Hardys & H'tons	130	..	9.9	7.6	10.0
107	38	Highland	88	+ ..	4.4	5.0	13.1
98	58	Invergordon	81	+1	3.1	3.8	9.8
93	36	Irish Distillers	81	+1	4.2	5.2	12.7
32	29	Marston	47	..	2.6	5.5	7.2
78½	37	Scot & Newcastle	65½	+½	4.7	7.2	10.8
29½	13¾	Seagram	£15¾	+⅛	48.1	3.0	10.9
101	48	SA Breweries	63	..	6.4	10.1	4.4
78	34	Tomalin	68	..	4.1	5.9	19.0
337	194	Vaux	322	+4	24.4	7.6	9.4
92	46½	Whitbread 'A'	86	+1	5.4	6.3	9.8
99	48	Do B	89	..	5.4	6.1	10.1
97	46	Whitbread Inv	78	..	5.8	7.1	21.5
194	95	Wolverhampton	184	+2	8.2	4.5	12.0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
117	89½	AAH	98	..	8.3	8.5	7.2
142	46	AB Electronic	106	..	7.6	7.2	7.3
38	25	AC Cars	33	..	1.5	4.2	8.7
76	22¾	AGB Research	66	..	3.2	4.9	10.8
228½	98½	APV Hldgs	197	s ..	8.1	4.1	7.8
73	26	Aaronson Bros	65	+1	2.8	4.3	7.4
21	10	Abrasives Int	18	e ..	0.9	4.7	71.3
110	54	Acrow	102	+2	3.6	3.5	11.6
98	39	Do A	87	+4	3.6	4.2	9.9
41	5½	Adda Int	34	+2	0.5	2.3	..
282	134	Adwest Group	223	..	18.2	6.8	6.2
63	16	Aaron's & Gen	59	+1	3.5	5.9	10.5
63	38	Airfix Ind	53	+1	4.4	8.1	7.3
131	69	Albright & W	105	+3	6.5	6.2	8.8
94	62	Alcan 10½%	891	-½	1050	11.5	..
118	58	Do 9% Cnv	£110	..	900	8.2	..
300	187	Alginate Ind	275	-2	19.7	7.1	10.2
79	41	Allen E. Balfour	57	+1	6.7	11.7	..
63	26	Allen W. G.	60	+2	4.3	7.2	6.1
100½	39¾	Allied Colloids	83	-1	2.3	2.8	14.6
66	23	Allied Insulators	59	s +1	5.3	9.0	7.1
142	46	Allied Plant	39½	+½	1.1	5.4	7.4
38	25	Allied Polymer	31½	..	3.4	10.6	15.4
185	95¾	Allied Retailers	186	+1	12.1	7.2	8.1
46	14½	Alpine Hldgs	36	..	2.5	6.8	21.6
283	190	Amal Metal	280	..	21.5	7.7	5.4
136	56½	Amal Power	130	+ ..	8.0	6.3	7.5
39	17½	Amber Day	31	..	2.9	9.5	4.4
17	5	Amber Ind Hldgs	15	..	0.8	5.0	4.2
38	27	Anchor Chem	30	..	8.0	7.5	8.9
57½	31½	Anderson Strath	49	..	5.0	10.2	5.8
51	37	Anglo Am Asph	64	..	3.7	5.8	5.3
870	290	Anglo Amer Ind	478	..	42.9	9.0	4.4
43	16	Ang Swiss Hldgs	36	..	..	..	..
80	40	Appleyard	70	..	8.7	5.6	6.1
35	15	Aquascutum 'A'	27½	..	1.6	5.8	8.3
114	39	Arlington Mtr	108	+3	10.1	9.8	7.7
77	35	Armitage Shanks	68½	..	6.5	9.9	9.5
73	26	Arran Equip	61	+3	3.1	5.0	10.4
124	80	Ash & Lacy	112	..	8.2	8.3	5.4
53	27	Aspey Sy'a Pf	50	..	6.0	11.5	..
98	30	Ass Biscuit	92	+4	4.0	5.2	9.9
98	48	Do A	90	+4	4.5	5.3	8.7
146	52	Ass Book	130	..	8.1	4.7	5.7
74½	48½	Ass Brit Food	68	+1	3.2	4.6	6.7
104	26	Ass Engineer	118	+4	11.3	6.0	6.7
38	22½	Ass Fisheries	48	..	5.4	11.3	10.4
37½	22½	Ass Leisure	30	+⅛	4.3	8.5	9.3
196	68	Ass News	183	+8	7.8	5.2	8.7
81½	13	Ass Paper	31	..	4.6	8.8	..
234	134	Ass Port Cement	202	+4	12.1	5.9	6.8
108¾	52	Ass Tel 'A'	98	s +2	5.9	10.1	6.8
28	23	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
39	21	Astbury & Nidley	30	..	1.7	5.7	4.5
39	26	Atkins Bros	49	..	5.1	10.3	7.6
28	18	Atwood Garage	28	+1	3.3	8.9	22.5
31	21	Auditronic	28	..	..	..	8.7
37	17	Ault & Wilborg	31	..	2.9	9.3	6.8
94	48	Aurora Hldgs	80	+1	7.9	9.8	3.8
67	28	Austin E.	56	..	5.4	9.6	4.6
110½	38	Automotive Pd	108	+2	3.6	3.7	8.8
7	3½	Avenn Grp	39	..	1.8	5.3	7.2
174	99½	Avery	181	+1	8.3	5.5	9.1
186	47	Avon Rubber	173	+2	13.3	7.2	12.0
307	227	B.A.T. Ind	280	..	30.0	8.8	8.3
185	65	Do Dfd	210	..	..	..	..
38	24	BBA Grp	35	..	3.4	8.3	8.0
136	70	BICC	106	+ ..	10.0	9.4	10.6
88	48	BOC Int	73	+2	4.8	6.5	7.4
278	88	BPB Ind	223	+3	11.0	4.9	8.6
50	33	BPM Hldgs 'A'	45	..	4.3	9.6	6.0
40¾	18	BSG Int	38½	+ ..	2.1	5.5	9.9
181	77¼	BSR Ltd	90	+2	7.1	7.9	4.8
262	120	BTR Ltd	253	+4	13.8	5.5	8.5
144	50	Babcock & W	105	..	8.0	7.6	4.8
36	18	Bamberglens Brk	33	..	3.3	9.8	9.8
69	38	Bailey C.H. Ord	64	..	0.3	0.6	41.3
168	77	Baird W.	146	+ ..	9.4	6.4	7.7
113	43	Baker Perkins	90	..	5.9	6.5	8.4
53	22	Bamberguers	47	..	4.4	9.4	8.3
9	3½	Barker & Dixon	8¾	..	..	..	..
276	130	Barlow Rand	188	+ ..	16.1b	8.5	3.9
61	31	Barr & Wallace	58	..	5.1	8.8	7.8
46	26	Do A	36	..	3.1	9.1	8.4
129	39	Barratt Dev	104	+6	11.1	10.7	4.6
54	31	Barrow Hepbn	49	+1	3.1	10.4	6.5
75	30	Barton & Sons	47	..	5.0	10.9	4.4
141	57	Bassett G.	139	+4	7.8	5.1	7.9
89	34	Bath & P'land	72	+4	5.8	8.0	6.7
67	32	Beales J.	62	-3	4.0	6.4	6.8
193	47	Beaumont Clark	183	+3	7.8	5.0	8.1
82	23	Beaulord Grp	43	..	4.6	10.7	7.3
102	43½	Beecham A.	70	..	3.7	5.3	10.5
690	271	Beecham Grp	627	+7	35.0	5.6	11.1
166	48	Bejam Grp	144	+3	4.4	3.1	8.9
88	48½	Bemrose Corp	72	-2	5.8	8.1	6.9
120	75	Benn Bros	44	+1	3.3	7.4	7.1
216	116	Berger J & A W	196	+4	12.0	6.4	8.8
55	37	Bartlefords	52	..	3.4	6.6	5.4
50	33	Best & Mey	43	..	4.1	9.6	7.5
163	110	Beswick	146	-1	14.2	9.8	7.5
82	63	Bett Bros	80	..	3.4	4.1	8.1
72	53	Bibby J.	71	..	5.4	7.6	6.8
90	41	Birmid Qualcast	60	..	5.2	10

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Strength of sterling helps manufacturers to cut import bill for sixth month

By Caroline Atkinson

Sterling's rise against the dollar helped to cut industry's import costs last month, leading to a fall in the cost of manufacturers' raw materials for the sixth month running.

In October the index for wholesale prices showed a 1 per cent drop in the purchase price of manufacturing industry's raw materials and fuels.

However, the output or factory gate prices, charged by wholesalers are still rising slightly faster than is consistent with their reduced costs. A rise of 0.6 per cent was recorded in October.

Yesterday's figures from the Department of Industry confirm that the rate of inflation has slowed down quite markedly in the past few months. The index for raw material prices now stands below the level of January this year.

Although the deceleration in wholesalers' output prices is not as great as had been expected, it is still noticeable. As the chart shows, the six-monthly rate of increase has fallen from over 20 per cent in June to 12.5 per cent last month.

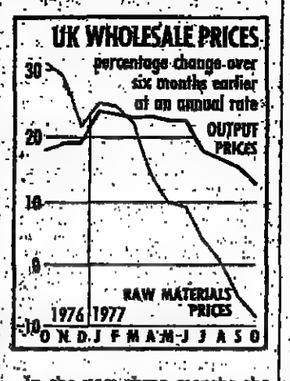
Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, described yesterday's figures as further substantial evidence that inflation is slowing down. The Government expects to hit its target of a 12-13 per cent year-on-year rise in retail prices by December.

The other official targets are for a single figure rise in retail prices by the middle of next year, falling to 6½ per cent by the end of 1978. However, these are conditional on an average earnings increase of 10 per cent in the present pay round, and virtually everybody expects the earnings figure to turn out well above this.

Food prices are now having a considerable moderating effect on wholesale prices in general. Factory gate charges by other manufacturers rose by 0.9 per cent last month after a 0.7 per cent increase in September.

There was by contrast a small drop in food manufacturers' prices for the third month running in October.

Increases for non-food products were spread fairly evenly across most sectors. This may represent a widening of profit margins since companies have not recently had large increases in either wage or non-wage costs.



In the past three months the output prices of non-food manufacturers have risen by 2.7 per cent. This compares to a rise of 3½ per cent in the previous three months, April to July.

Althoug the pound's effective exchange rate index remained steady in October the rate against the dollar rose by 1½ per cent. This helped to reduce the cost of imports which are invoiced in dollars. Chief among these is oil. The cost of imported wood pulp also fell last month.

A sharp fall in coffee prices and cheaper cocoa and cereals, led to a 1 per cent fall in the raw material costs of food manufactures. These have dropped by 4 per cent in the past three months.

Dollar stronger: Sterling closed 20 points down against the dollar at $1.8030 in very quiet trading on the foreign exchanges yesterday. Its effective rate index was up 0.1 however, at 63.4, the dollar closing higher against most other currencies. The Bank of England was thought to have stayed out of the markets.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and the basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry, released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax but include revenue duties.

	Output prices (home sales) (1)	Prices of materials and fuels (2)	% change at previous 6 months as annual rate in (1)	in (2)
1976				
Oct	230.0	327.7	18.3	31.0
Nov	234.6	331.8	19.3	29.2
Dec	237.2	330.2	19.5	21.5
1977				
Jan	244.9	337.8	24.1	25.1
Feb	248.2	339.5	23.4	24.7
March	250.8	347.2	22.8	22.0
April	255.4	349.7	23.3	13.9
May	259.8	348.3	22.5	10.1
June	262.4	345.2	22.4	9.3
July	265.8	344.6	17.8	4.1
Aug r	268.1	338.8	16.7	−8.4
Sept r	269.3	338.1	15.3	−5.2
Oct p	270.9	334.4	12.5	−8.8

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UDS wins £1.23m suit against Peat Marwick

By Nicholas Hirst

A subsidiary of United Drapery Stores has won a DM5m action (£1.23m) in a German court against the continental practice of Peat Marwick Mitchell, in which the English partnership has a share.

Mr John Grenside, senior partner of Peat's United Kingdom practice, said last night: "It is alleged by the UDS side that they received poor advice from our Frankfurt firm. This is disputed by us but they have won the first round."

He expected that an appeal would be lodged, but legal advice was being sought on the next step to take.

The damages were awarded in a preliminary action in Frankfurt brought by the UDS subsidiary A. Turklitz GrundstucksKG of Berlin against Peats, relating to professional services given over the acquisition of Bieberhaus of Frankfurt.

Bieberhaus was a fast-growing cut-price electrical goods retailer which collapsed in March, 1975, costing the UDS Group £4m. Bieberhaus was acquired by the Hubner Group, in which UDS had a 50 per cent stake. Hubner was operated in partnership with the German Turklitz family.

Withdrawal limit on savings raised

With effect from November 28, the maximum amount which may be withdrawn on demand at a post office from a National Savings ordinary account is to be raised from £30 to £50.

Telegraphic withdrawal limits are also to be increased to £75 when application and authorization are both by telegraph, and to £100 when application is made by post and authorization by telegraph.

Government spending 4pc off ceiling

By Melvyn Westlake

Spending by central government is running at a level 4 per cent below what was expected when cash limits for the current financial year were set. This represents an even larger margin of underspending than occurred during the whole of the financial year 1976/77.

Treasury officials disclosed this yesterday before an all-party Commons committee examining the background and likely economic consequences of the package of measures announced two weeks ago by Mr Healey.

According to Mr John Anson, Deputy Secretary for General Expenditure and chief Treasury witness, central government spending so far in the 1977/78 financial year was running at a level of about 96 per cent of the amount allowed for under cash limits.

The relationship between the cash limits and the present profiles of expenditure, he revealed, was lower than a year ago. In fact, for the whole of 1976/77, Government departments and local councils underspent by some £1,000m.

The general sub-committee of the Expenditure Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham, West, were also told that the reason for the sharp £2,000m downward revision in this year's Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (before the Chancellor's latest measures) was very largely due to higher-than-expected tax receipts. Such receipts had been about £1,750m above forecast estimates.

Treasury witnesses included Mr Frank Cassell, under-secretary, responsible for medium-term policy analysis; Miss Patricia Brown, under-secretary, responsible for general expenditure analysis; and Mr Robin Butler, under-secretary, responsible for general expenditure policy.

Contrary to the view expressed in a special paper provided by Mr Terry Ward of the Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge, and special adviser to the committee, the Treasury witnesses insisted that the planned 3½ per cent growth in the economy next year was sufficient to "turn the tide" of unemployment.

In his paper, Mr Ward had argued that for unemployment to show a significant fall would require either a growth rate much higher than 4 per cent, or a significant increase in public sector employment (and hence a reversal of present policy), or a decline in the rate of productivity growth below the historical trend.

The Treasury witnesses suggested that such a decline in productivity probably had taken place. Therefore, in their view, any growth rate in excess of 3 per cent would start to bring unemployment down from its present very high level. Allowing for the time lags, the Chancellor's measures would begin to turn the tide of unemployment during 1978.

Irrespective of what happened to the level of earnings under the stage three guidelines, the year-on-year inflation rate would fall during the next six months. However, if earnings rose by 15 per cent, rather than the 10 per cent sought by the Chancellor, inflation would climb back into double figures during 1978, after falling briefly to single figures, and continue to rise thereafter.

The Treasury witnesses denied that the Chancellor's measures were insufficient to offset the contractory influence on the economy of the amount—£2,000m, by which the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement had been undershooting earlier expectations.

There were signs that other elements of demand were taking up the slack, it was said. Personal consumption appeared to be picking up. Stockbuilding was increasing, and exports were doing well considering the international trade recession, Treasury witnesses argued.

Vauxhall offers 3.5pc more for skilled workers to end standstill

By Clifford Webb

In a move to end the strike of skilled workers which has closed all its factories, Vauxhall Motors yesterday offered a 3.5 per cent increase to top grade skilled operatives.

This is additional to the basic 10 per cent and productivity bonus worth a minimum of £3 a week already offered to all 24,500 hourly-paid employees.

This development follows last week's abortive attempt to break the strike by reopening all Vauxhall factories for anyone willing to work. The 4,000 electricians and other craftsmen on strike ignored the call and the next day Vauxhall was forced to close again and lay off some 20,000 car and commercial vehicle workers.

A company spokesman said last night: "The proposals for restoring differentials follows talks over the weekend. We are now waiting to hear the men's reactions but that will take time because this is a very complicated dispute".

He denied that a new £20m loan announced yesterday by the parent General Motors Corporation had become necessary because the fortnight-old strike was causing cash flow problems.

"This is part of a restructuring of Vauxhall's finances which began more than six months ago and is intended to reduce our short-term indebtedness, provide day-to-day working capital and, in the long term, assist our capital expenditure programme", he said.

Up to yesterday the stoppage had cost some £16m worth of cars, trucks and vans at showroom prices.

Union-management negotiations were continuing last night to try to settle a strike at Triumph, Speke, which has stopped production of Leyland's TR7 sports car and the Dolomite saloon range. Some 1,500 workers walked out last week in protest at moves to increase productivity.

A strike at Smiths Industries, Cricklewood, north-west London, has cut speedometer supplies to Leyland Cowley. Production of the Princess and Maxi is at a standstill, with 2,000 laid off.

Another dispute at a major component supplier, Lucas Industries, is threatening further disruption of the motor industry. Nine thousand of the 12,000 workers employed in its 14 electrical factories have begun working to rule in support of their pay claim.

Texan-style Harrods in the heart of Washington

When Texans do things, they do them in a style and in a manner that suggests all too often that they have more dollars than sense. This is exactly the impression one gets as one walks through the most luxurious department store that Washington has ever seen.

The Texas-based Neiman-Marcus group today opened a new 120,000 sq ft store which gives customers the chance to order, among other things, a $16,000 windmill to reduce home energy costs.

One can also buy off the shelf a $100,000 Russian sable coat, a set of diamond and ruby jewelry for $150,000 and an assortment of such almost useless gifts as a $175,000 gold-plated hard hat for the construction site, and an ugly glass sculptured monkey for $3,500.

Along with this Washington answer to Harrods in London comes a sense of confidence rarely seen in the American business community these days. Mr Richard Marcus, the company's vice-chairman, says that the investment in the new store is about $7m to $8m, and that he expects the store to break even in its first full year.

Mr Marcus adds that he is scouting around for a second location for a store in the Washington area, and that he is planning a series of stores like this one for California. His store offers a range of reasonably priced products; but its image is based on its top priced wares, an image that for all its Texan brashness makes a lot of money.

The group has spent years cleverly developing a reputation for offering the finest products money can buy from anywhere in the world. Some 30 per cent of all the goods on show at the new Washington store are imported.

The cost of goods never appears to be a consideration to the group's buyers. If a customer, for example, is dissatisfied with a silk scarf with a Raoul Duffy picture on it for $180, then he or she can get the original Duffy painting from Neiman - Marcus for $18,000.

Not only has the group discovered that some of the richest people in America live in Washington (a discovery that prompted Bloomingdales of New York to open two stores here last year), but its parent company, the Carter Hawley Hale group, has clearly decided that developing the Neiman-Marcus group offers a better prospect of high profits than, for example, developing foreign interests. The group is selling its 20 per cent stake in Britain's House of Fraser.

The Texas millionaire's marketing style is unique and clearly most successful. Neiman-Marcus already has some 30,000 mail order customers in Washington, and through a blaze of publicity it has already managed to get a further 30,000 Washingtonians to apply for company credit cards without even having seen the new store.

Frank Vogl

Drop in new credit for consumers

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

Total new credit extended by retailers and finance houses fell slightly in September to £402m.

Lending by finance houses, which had increased sharply in August under the impulse of car buying, fell back by £18m to £203m, while new retail credit went up by £3m to £199m.

There was also a slight increase in retailers credit sales, which stood 10 per cent higher in the quarter to the end of September. Department stores did particularly well, with an increase of 20 per cent in their credit sales over this period.

The picture which seems to have emerged is that in the latter summer consumer credit was running substantially above the level of the second quarter of 1977, but there were some indications that the increase may have halted by September.

New credit extended by both finance houses and retailers was 12 per cent higher in the third quarter of this year than in the second. Total debt outstanding to finance houses and retailers was £3,054m at the end of September.

Separate figures published yesterday show that the volume index for retail sales in September has been adjusted downwards slightly to 106.2 from its initial estimate of 106½. During the third quarter of the year the index was on average 2.8 per cent higher than during the second.

September saw a sharp fall in clothing sales, which had earlier performed well. Durable goods recorded an increase, but other sectors of the market performed badly. Overall, the index was a percentage point down from its August level.

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1970=100	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	New Credit extd £m
1976			
Sept	108.9	+4.9	319
Oct	108.1	+3.8	310
Nov	109.2	+1.5	332
Dec	108.3	−1.5	331
1977			
Jan	106.7	−2.1	324
Feb	105.7	−6.6	342
March	103.1	−11.8	351
April	103.4	−14.0	349
May	104.4	−12.7	358
June	103.8	−4.1	360
July	107.0	+4.3	363
Aug	107.2	+10.9	417
Sept	108.2	+11.5	402

Swan Hunter reveals reconstruction terms

By Bryan Appleyard

Swan Hunter Group has announced its long-awaited plans for post-shipbuilding nationalization reconstruction. They include a cash handout to shareholders as well as a new company to carry on the remainder of the business.

In his annual report, Sir John Hunter, the chairman, says the new company would take over all the remaining trading assets and any cash needed for growth and working capital. Shareholders would receive shares in the new company, plus cash from compensation and any left over from the old group.

Details of the scheme will be sent to shareholders for approval "once substantial progress has been made in determining the amount of compensation due to the group".

Sir John comments that the board believes the assets remaining in the group "form a viable core" and that the existing activities of the group can be expanded.

"Shares in the new company will be without doubt a worthwhile investment which would grow in value over the years", he said.

The report shows the remaining activities of the group as some ship repairing in the United Kingdom and overseas, general engineering and civil engineering and building.

A company spokesman yesterday said the amount of the cash handout would be a minimum of 50p a share. This would indicate a sum of around £9m from compensation. Market estimates have been varying from £5m to £14m.

But the major question yesterday was how much of the £20m cash left in the company will also be handed out. Estimates for the total sum went as high as 152p on the basis that the new company would not need much working capital.

Shares in the new company were expected to be worth about 40p per existing share, based on asset backing of £7m and earnings per share of 7½p.

There was intense two-way activity in the shares yesterday. They opened at 148p, reached a peak of 158p but fell back a penny at the close to 157p.

The report gives details of the sale of Wallsend Dry Docks and Wallsend Slipway Engineering to British Shipbuilders, the state concern. BS paid £2m for the dry dock company, and £400,000 for the other.

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Morgan-Grampian up 17p after bid approach

By Desmond Quigley

Morgan-Grampian, the magazine publisher, announced yesterday that it had received an approach "which may or may not" lead to a takeover bid.

Shares rose 17p to 160p yesterday. The company has lived with the possibility of a bid since the abortive takeover approach, which was pitched at 70p a share, by the private Dutch company Communica Europa early last year.

Trade sources have felt for some time that there was a possibility of a new approach, either from Holland, the United States or South Africa.

Mr Graham Sherren, Morgan's chairman and chief executive, declined to identify the company with which the group was having talks, but said that a further announcement should be made within a week.

The board controls or represents some 55 per cent of the issued equity. Mr Stuart Pegg, a former Slater, Walker executive, and Mr David Abramson, a South African, jointly represent 2.8 million shares, or 27 per cent of the equity, the bulk of which is held by a private company, Alpane, headed by both men.

After the abortive Communica Europa approach last year, Mr Sherren and Mr Max Geffen, another director, sold half their 40 per cent stake in Morgan-Grampian to United Overseas Bank of Geneva at $2 a share.

Mr Sherren retained a 12.3 per cent stake in the group and Mr Geffen a 7.7 per cent holding. After the sale Mr Pegg and Mr Abramson joined the Morgan board as nominees of United Overseas Bank, whose stake subsequently passed to Alpane.

In September last year Mr Pegg and Mr Abramson, having increased the Alpane stake in Morgan and caused market speculation of a takeover bid, said they did not intend to make a bid and that they looked on the stake as a long-term investment.

Morgan produces a wide range of magazines. Most are at the specialist end of the market and include such titles as *Pulse*, *The Engineer* and *Accountants Weekly*. At the lighter end are *Over 21*, *Record Mirror* and *Daltons Weekly*.

Having suffered a big profits relapse in the year to the end of March 1975, the group turned in a record pre-tax profit of £2.73m last year. But its margins are still far from those of 1973.

Butlin's to move into France next year with project for self-catering holidays

From Patricia Tisdall
Lisbon, Nov 7

Butlin's, one of Britain's largest holiday companies, is to set up its first overseas holiday project next year. In a pilot operation, the company, a subsidiary of the Rank group, is to offer self-catering holidays on six sites in the Normandy, Brittany and Picardy regions of France.

Operated under the Fresh Fields name, the holidays will be sold inclusive of car ferry fares and the caravans will be fully equipped. The first sites will be leased from established French camping site operators.

But Mr Robert Butlin, managing director of the company and son of the founder, who announced the development at the association of British Travel Agents annual convention here today said that Butlin's was looking at the possibility of setting up its own camp sites in Europe.

The scheme is an extension of the Fresh Fields self-catering programme which Butlin's is also extending in Britain to the six small centres which provide chalet, caravan and tent accommodation in Devon and Cornwall and which form the nucleus of the operation. Next year Butlin's is adding a new holiday village on the Sussex coast near Chichester, which will have accommodation for 1,000 holidaymakers.

Butlin's, which handles around 1.25 million holiday bookings annually, has also diversified into boating holidays with a boatyard on the Norfolk Broads marketed through the Blakes consortium. It is also planning to extend this activity to France and the French canals next year.

A call for a change in foreign authorities attitudes to cheap air charter fares to Europe was made by Mr Ray Colegate, director of the economic policy division of the British Civil Aviation authority yesterday.

Mr Colegate blamed restrictions imposed by countries such as French and Italy for hindering the extension to Europe of the type of low-cost charter travel already in use on trans-Atlantic routes.

Mr Colegate warned delegates that foreign opposition to existing low cost fare schemes was growing. Italian, French, Swiss, Tunisian and Portuguese authorities had already prevented some types of cheap inclusive tours which incorporated minimal hotel accommodation from entering their countries. Scandinavian, German, Dutch and Austrian were also expressing concern about short stay weekend and other reduced price tours.

The argument used by the CAA in its negotiations with the European authorities is that they, too, would suffer through a decline in the British holiday business.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 201.90+1.93
The FT index: 480.4+4.2

Rises

Allied London	12p to 90p	Pork Farms	13p to 323p
Coral Leisure	10p to 240p	Racal	8p to 230p
Costain R	14p to 286p	Simon Eng	9p to 209p
Dixons Photo	10p to 165p	Smith WH 'A'	15p to 785p
Hillspur	7p to 51p	Swan Hunter	9p to 157p
KN	7p to 274p	Sunley B	7p to 172p
Lawker Sidd	7p to 184p	Takeda Bdr	13p to 765p
Lonson Fin	4p to 44p	Town & City	1p to 13½p
Morgan-Gramp	17p to 160p	Unilever	8p to 558p
Tyson	7p to 48p	Vickers	6p to 183p

Falls

Acas Ind	11p to 284p	Southvaal	27p to 424p
McLeery L'Amie	1p to 12p	Spooner Ind	2p to 39p
Pedlers	1p to 19p	Swire Pacific 'A'	4½p to 99½p
Ardine M'son	10p to 215p	SA Land	7p to 85p

Sterling lost 20 points to $1.8030. The effective exchange rate index was at 63.4.

Gold gained $0.75 an ounce to $166.625.

Commodities: Reuter's index was 1467.2 (previous 1467.8).

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SDR-$ was 1.17890 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.651213.

Equities fell back from a good start.

Gilt-edged securities were all square.

Dollar premium 97.25 per cent (effective rate 36.55 per cent).

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.66	1.61
Austria Sch	30.50	28.50
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.05	2.00
Denmark Kr	11.38	10.98
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.45
France Fr	9.00	8.68
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	71.50	68.00
Hongkong $	8.90	8.45
Italy Lr	1620.00	1565.00
Japan Yn	470.00	445.00
Netherlands Gld	4.57	4.35
Norway Kr	10.23	9.87
Portugal Esc	76.50	72.50
S Africa Rd	1.73	1.61
Spain Pes	156.25	150.25
Sweden Kr	8.95	8.60
Switzerland Fr	4.18	3.96
US $	1.86	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.00	36.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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State boards' members ponder lawsuit on pay

By Malcolm Brown

Nationalized industry board members are to consider today whether they should join senior civil servants in legal action to force the Government to implement substantial salary increases.

Mr Denis Dodds, chairman of the Association of Members of State Industry Boards, said yesterday that the matter would be discussed at tonight's meeting of the association's executive committee.

This follows the announcement by the Institution of Professional Civil Servants that it had taken legal advice on the Government's failure to implement fully the Boyle Commission's recommendations on pay for top civil servants. Mr William McCall, general secretary of the IPCS, said legal action would now be taken.

The AMSIB will ask the institution for a copy of their counsel's opinion. Mr Dodds said that many state board members were now receiving between £2,000 and £3,000 less than their immediate subordinates because of the Government's failure to act.

There was also a feeling, he added, that state industry board member were being discriminated against. Senior civil servants had at least received a partial increase.

"They got a half-Boyle, we got no Boyle at all," Mr Dodds said. It would be a great pity if legal action had to be taken, he went on. The state board directors would much prefer to proceed by discussion, and wanted the Government simply to implement the Boyle recommendations.

"But if that cannot be done, we will have to consider the same sort of action, either seperately or together

13 pc rise in house starts as confidence returns

Signs of a return of confidence among private housebuilders are reflected in figures published today by the National House-Building Council, the consumer watchdog for the private sector.

At 12,589, starts in October were 13 per cent higher than for the same month last year. Completions, at 11,846, were down by 5 per cent.

House starts for the last four months have been running steadily at about 11,500 to 12,500, well above the low figures obtained in the first quarter of 1977.

A spokesman for the NHBC said that the figures reflected a return of some degree of confidence, although he added that builders remained cautious about the prospects for next year.

No further inquiry into Slater, Walker

Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, said in the Commons yesterday that no further inquiry into the Slater, Walker affair was justified. He told Mr Marcus Lipton (Lab, Lambeth C) that considerable inquiries had been made by the accountants instructed by the company under the Companies Act, by the Singapore Stock Exchange, and by an inspector appointed by the Singapore Government.

"At the moment there is no further requirement under the duties imposed on the Trade Secretary which would justify a further inquiry," he said.

Philips puts £73m tag on Electronic Rentals

Having triggered a bid under rule 34 of the Takeover Code by taking its stake in Electronic Rentals to more than 30 per cent, Philips, the Dutch electrical group, is offering £73.4m in cash for the company.

However, this is simply a facility to bid to comply with the Code; Philips says it has no intention of increasing its offer, nor does it want to acquire control of Electronic Rentals.

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£79m Soviet contract for Simon-Carves

Simon-Carves, the Stockport engineering contracting company, has concluded a £79m contract with the Soviet Union for the supply of two complete automated mill rooms for two of the country's largest tyre factories.

The contract, one of the biggest concluded between the Soviet Union and a British engineering group in recent years, was won after two years' negotiations against competition from Germany, Italy and France. It brings Simon-Carves' total contracts from the Soviet rubber industry in recent years to £163m.

Opec experts open talks in Vienna

Economic experts from the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have started meetings in Vienna to prepare recommendations on oil prices for the next full ministerial meeting of the organization in Venezuela just before Christmas.

Banker calls for German wage ceiling of 5.5pc

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Nov 7

Dr Ludwig Poullain, chief executive of the Westdeutsche Landesbank, today warned Germany's trade unions and employers that they must limit wage increases to 5.5 per cent next year if the economy is to expand as planned.

Such warnings are commonplace every autumn as the annual round of collective wage bargaining slowly gets under way, but this year they are more appropriate. Germany's original real growth target of 5.5 per cent, on which the 1977 wage increases of between 6 and 7 per cent were based, will be undershot by a margin of about 2½ percentage points.

Lawtex Ltd

Manufacturers of Clothing and Umbrellas

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

for the 52 weeks ended 25th June	1977	1976
Turnover	£9,770,944	£6,192,209
Group Profit before Taxation	£458,286	£21,176
Profit after Taxation	£302,836	£59,461
Share Capital	£500,000	£500,000
Reserves	£1,501,209	£1,256,113
Dividends	11.55%	8.0%
Earnings per share	15.1p	3.0p

Mr G. M. Schaefer, the Chairman, reports:

* Turnover and profit highest in the Company's history.
* Improved productivity.
* Clothing now accounts for 80% of Group sales and profit.
* Dividends 2.887p per share, covered 5.2 times by earnings.

Copies of the Report are available from the Secretary, Lawtex House, Holt Lane, Failsworth, Manchester M35 9NH.

Bill to permit BNOC's participation agreements

An emergency Bill to prevent the British National Oil Corporation's participation agreements with North Sea oil companies falling foul of restrictive trade practices legislation has been introduced in Parliament.

Officials from the Department of Energy have been concerned that the crucial sections of the participation agreements giving BNOC the option to purchase oil from North Sea companies might not conform to the Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

There is a narrow definition in the Act of what is in the public interest and the new Participation Agreements Bill will ensure that there is no legal obstacle to BNOC's options, which the Government considers in the public interest in its wider sense.

The Department of Energy said that since participation agreements had been negotiated by the Government to secure a broad national interest it was neither necessary nor appropriate to subject them to a separate determination against standards specifically designed for limiting undesirable collusion between trading enterprises.

The effect of the two-clause Bill will be to remove any risk of this happening by providing for the Secretary of State to certify any bona fide participation agreements and absolve the Restrictive Practices Court from unnecessary involvement.

Participation agreements do not conflict with the European Community's own rules on fair trading, the department added.

Community call to cut textile quota 'not a mortal blow to Hongkong'

Hongkong, Nov 7.—Hongkong will not be faced with any big rise in unemployment, even if the European Economic Community decided to cut the quota for textile imports from the colony, according to Sir Murray Maclehose, Governor.

He said the textile negotiations with the EEC related at the most to 10 per cent of Hongkong's total trade. The outcome of the talks could be a blow "but not a mortal one" to Hongkong.

There was full employment in Hongkong, he said, although the textile industry was not going through a very happy period, he added.

On Hongkong's economic growth, Sir Murray said it was expected that Hongkong would finish the year with exports up in real terms by about 4 per cent on last year.—Reuter.

Brussels criticized: A top Hongkong trade official says the Community's "vague and inflexible" attitude has slowed down textile negotiations in Brussels.

Mr William Dorward, acting director of trade, industry and customs, said the conduct of Community negotiators had "fallen short of what one might call professional".

Mr Dorward's remark was in response to accusations made by Mr Tran Van Thinh, the Brussels negotiator, on Friday that Hongkong negotiators had accepted the November 10 deadline but are now trying to find excuses to delay it. Mr Van Thinh said that if no agreement is reached by Wednesday with Hongkong, the biggest shipper to Western Europe, he would start dividing among other export areas some of the quantities the Community had been planning to accept from Hongkong which shipped about 151,000 tons of textiles to the EEC last year.

Mr Dorward, in a statement issued on Sunday, said the accusation was completely "unfounded".

Hongkong negotiators, who arrived in Brussels on October 8, were ready to begin negotiations on October 10, a date selected by the EEC, he said. Negotiations did not start until more than a week later while the Community completed its preparations, he said.

"From the outset November 10 was agreed as a desirable target date but certainly never recognized by either side", he added.—Associated Press.

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Farm purchase loans linked to cash flow rate

A new loan scheme for farm purchases, with repayments linked to the cash-flow pattern of the individual farmer, was announced yesterday by the Midland Bank.

Loans for up to 20 years would carry interest of 3 per cent over the Midland Bank rate, which means 9 per cent

"Repayments would be geared to the individual farm business", Mr Robert Bruce, head of Midland's agricultural division, said.

The loan would normally be up to two-thirds of the value of extra land bought.

Saudi capital may rescue Schulte shipyard offshoot

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Nov 7

A Saudi Arabian company has appeared as a potential rescuer for the shipbuilding part of the North German Schulte und Bruns group, which opened bankruptcy proceedings last week.

The National Saudi Shipping Line, which is based in Damman on the Gulf, has apparently offered between DM20m (about £5m) and DM30m to aid the shipyard. The exact nature of the Saudi offer has not been disclosed although it is understood that negotiations were to begin in Zurich tonight.

Schulte und Bruns is a privately owned conglomeration of more than 35 companies engaged in shipping and shipbuilding and based in Emden and Bremen. It was forced to open bankruptcy proceedings last week because of shipping losses.

On the other hand, the shipyard, which employs around 440 people in the structurally weak Emden area, is thought to have been financially sound at the time of the group's collapse.

OFT claims 12 more price pacts in concrete

By John Huxley

A further 12 alleged price-fixing agreements in the ready-mixed concrete industry were yesterday placed on the register of restrictive practices by Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading.

This brings the number of alleged agreements in the industry registered so far to 73. Inquiries are continuing and further agreements are expected to be added to the register.

Mr Borrie has said that he will take all such cases to the Restrictive Practices Court to ask for orders stopping the companies involved giving effect to the alleged agreements or entering into similar agreements.

The areas referred to in agreements placed on the register yesterday were: Brighton and Shoreham by Sea; East Grinstead, Tunbridge Wells, Hawkhurst and Heathfield; Horsham and Crawley; Hailsham, Eastbourne and Alfriston; Washington, Steyning, West Grinstead and Pulborough; Littlehampton, Arundel, Watersfield, Chichester and Bognor Regis; Petersfield; Minstead; Maidstone; Burgess Hill, Hurstpierpoint and Haywards Heath; Binfield, Crowthorne, Bracknell and Wokingham, and Aylesbury.

Home loans head for £6,600m record in year

Building societies will make a record 750,000 loans totalling more than £6,600m this year, according to *Facts and Figures*, the quarterly bulletin of the Building Societies Association, published today.

The previous highest was 715,000 loans valued at £6,117m, made last year. An even bigger increase in mortgage loans promised is expected, at 785,000, against 704,000 last year.

Also predicted is that 1977 will be a record year for new savings attracted by societies. Total increase in savings held during the year is expected to be more than £5,000m.

Steady rise seen in new car sales

New car sales in the United Kingdom are expected to return to the 1973 peak level of 1.7 million in 1982, according to an analysis of the world motor industry, published today.

The report, from the Economic Models consultancy group, predicts that with the improved economic situation, reflected by the growth in real incomes, new car registrations next year will be more than 1.45 million.

Hint of software collaboration in US market

Computer news

The United States has been identified by the National Research Development Corporation's Compeda subsidiary as a main market for the company's software products. Since the United States is also the prime target for Insac Data Systems' initial marketing efforts, using the parent National Enterprise Board funds, collaboration between the two companies is a possibility which is being explored.

Compeda's plans were outlined for the first time last week by Mr Keith Trickett, managing director. The broad aim of the company is to develop and market software systems for engineering design, with a particular emphasis on computer-aided design techniques.

As an NRDC subsidiary, Compeda's particular interest is to exploit research arising in British universities and the public sector generally. "We aim to bridge the credibility gap", Mr Trickett says, "between the researcher and the industrial user."

This the company aims to do by ensuring that software products are specified to suit the user's requirements, that the final design is documented and that long-term technical support is available.

Initial products include Gaelic, a design system for integrated circuits and printed-circuit boards; and the Automat and Nulisp industrial-engineering packages. Gaelic originated at Edinburgh University and the two latter packages at Nottingham University.

Compeda has been in business since January this year and made its public debut at the recent Systems 77 exhibition in Munich. Germany and the United States are seen as the main markets for Gaelic; and Europe generally for the industrial-engineering packages.

In relation to the National Enterprise Board's Insac operation, Mr Trickett does not envisage Compeda membership, but he does accept the possibility of collaboration.

Winnipeg order

The contract to implement the integrated computer-aided despatch system for Winnipeg city police, ambulace and fire services (outlined in *The Times*, July 15, 1977) has been awarded to International Aeradio Ltd, of Southall, Middlesex.

Worth $2.8m (about £1.5m), the contract covers provision of a computer-based communications system designed to minimize the time taken to record and despatch information to vehicles.

Incoming requests for service are recorded and processed automatically, so reducing to a few seconds the time taken to transfer information into action.

Software development costs can be shared between the three services and the duplication of data files and communications systems can be avoided.

BP systems outlet

Two computer systems developed by British Petroleum are to be marketed via the company's Scicon Computer Services subsidiary. They are the North Sea Supply Simulation Model and Programmed Production Planning.

The simulation model represents the main elements of the operation of the ships which supply the exploration barges and production platforms in the North Sea. It is claimed to be unique, and is already being used by Shell as well as by BP.

The second system uses linear programming to calculate an optimum production plan for an oil refinery, chemical plant or similar installation.

Kenneth Owen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How ICL defends its computer maintenance policy

From Mr P. V. Ellis

Sir, The report "ICL Refusing Data Access to Independents" published in *The Times* of November 4, relates a number of suggestions to the effect that my company, International Computers Limited, unduly restricts the freedom of customers to have their computers maintained by independent maintenance companies, and unreasonably refuses support, access to diagnostics, and spare parts to such companies and to customers who wish to turn to them. The facts are as follows.

ICL recognizes the right of owners of computing equipment (though not, of course, hirers) to choose whether the manufacturer, an independent company, should maintain their equipment; or indeed to choose to maintain their equipment themselves.

ICL has made heavy investments in order to make available to its hirers in Britain, on the Continent and overseas, and to all purchasers who choose ICL maintenance, a comprehensive maintenance service designed to ensure that customers have maximum use of their equipment at a competitive charge. To ensure that this is possible, ICL has set up an extensive maintenance network, has invested heavily in spares and engineering training and has developed advanced fault-finding and diagnostic techniques in order to reduce maintenance time.

ICL believes that its maintenance facilities give ICL a competitive edge, and sees no good reason why its facilities should be released to organizations which are not prepared to make comparable investments themselves. For example, ICL will not make available fault-finding and diagnostic routines which have been developed by ICL's maintenance organization to enable its own engineers to provide an efficient and speedy service at minimum cost. Neither can ICL's maintenance organization divert support personnel to back up any weaknesses in the service offered by an independent company.

ICL provides ICL maintenance manuals at a reasonable price to users of ICL equipment, and to independent maintenance organizations. ICL is happy to supply spare parts to users, and to independent maintenance organizations, provided their requirements are known in advance. They can either hold their own stocks to cover their maintenance commitments, or forecast their use of spares and place orders on ICL, in good time, to allow their requirements to be incorporated into ICL's procurement plans and manufacturing schedules in exactly the same way as ICL's customer engineering division is required to do.

Yours sincerely,
PETER ELLIS,
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Putney, London,
SW15 1SW.
November 7.

Call for the politics of generosity, not greed

From Mr C. Owen

Sir, As a people we have few problems that could not be solved by effective organization. There are two prerequisites: agreed and reasonably ambitious objectives and impressive management.

It would help if, as a change from the politics of envy of much of the past decade, we could now have a period of the politics of generosity. A lead from the top would meet with a response, and in time perhaps a habit of cooperation, in all decision-making areas. Even industry might be induced to heal its wounds.

But we need also more professional and energetic, less timid and laconic management in every walk of institutional life. In the long run this calls for better management education. In the short run we might revive the well-tried maxim that the manager, paid and cosseted more than those whom he manages in recognition of his greater responsibility, should be held accountable personally for the results achieved within his terms of reference.

The British miracle is only a change of attitude away.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES OWEN,
The Middle House,
Dinham Crescent,
Exeter, EX4 4EF.
November 4.

Red tape tangle in changing address

From Mrs H. A. Fielder

Sir, Why doesn't someone somewhere do something about official forms, computers and civil servants?

My annual car licence was due for renewal on November 1 and, having moved house on October 27, I foolishly thought I could "kill two birds with one stone"! But not so!

After lengthy examination of form V11 (Vehicle licence expiry reminder and application form) kindly sent to me—presumably from Swansea—I established that it cannot cope with anything as complicated as a change of address. So, as instructed by "note 2 overleaf" I duly went to the Post Office to collect form V10 (Application for a vehicle licence). Here the small print revealed that the application cannot actually be made at the Post Office. It has to be posted—not to Swansea—to any "local vehicle licensing office". Such addresses are not to be found anywhere as logical as the telephone directory but are available at "any Post Office" (who none the less cannot deal with the application).

Now for the enclosures!

According to form V10 the Department of the Environment requires a fee of £40 but form V11 (which cannot cope with the change) wants £50 made payable to the Department of Transport. Both forms request the enclosure of form V5 (Vehicle registration document) but Swansea also wants it to tell the computer about the change of address!

Finally, form V10 instructs "Now please tear off pages 3 and 4 and post or take the form etc." Pages three and four contain nothing but notes which I certainly don't want—the form is on pages one and two.

It is difficult to imagine how much time and therefore money my change of address has cost the public purse. I really must remember not to be so thoughtless in allowing my move to coincide with my licence renewal next time.

Yours faithfully,
HELENA FIELDER
4 Academy Court,
Fordbridge Road,
Sunbury-on-Thames,
Middlesex.
November 2.

PS To think I even had nasty thoughts about saving 7p by posting my driving licence change of address notice in the same envelope!

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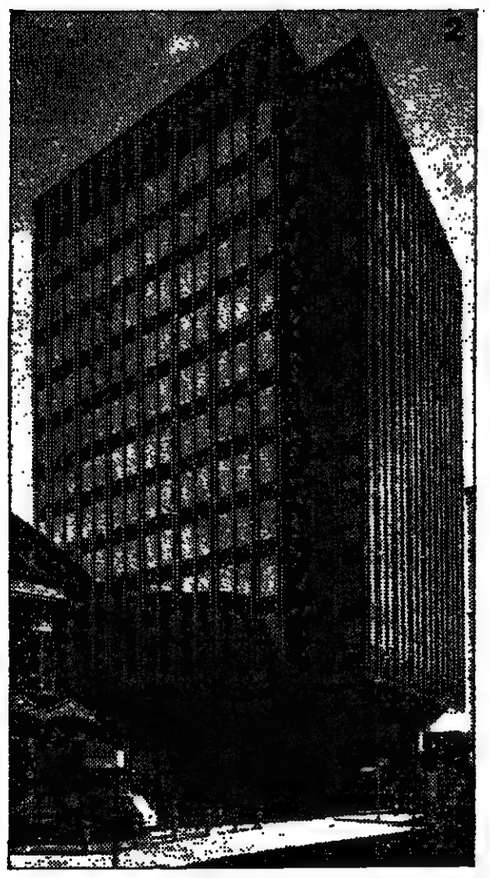

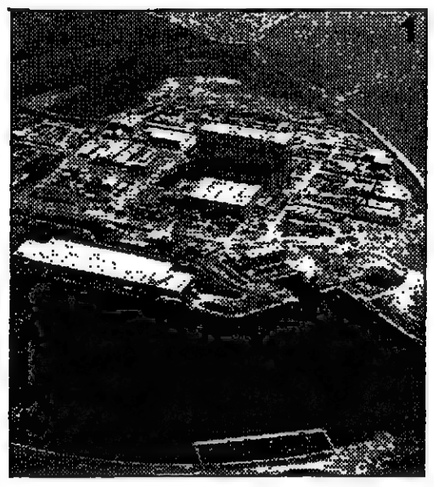

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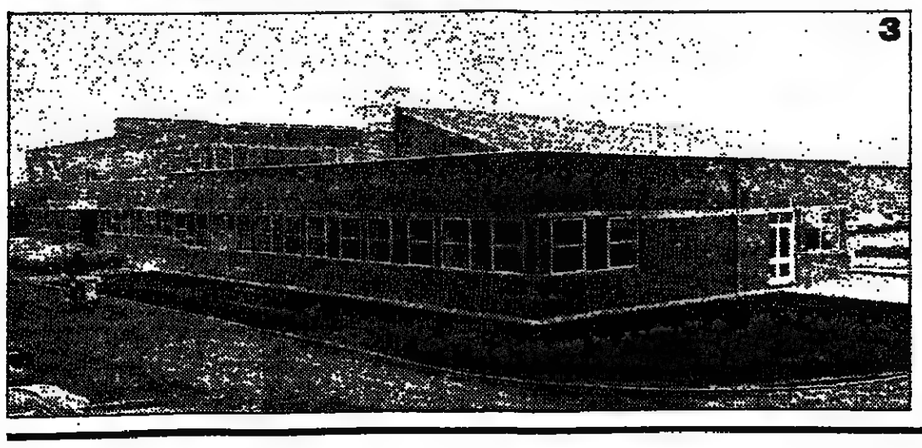

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Lucas and the strike factor

Lucas Industries' 38 per cent full year profits increase to £77.3m is overshadowed by the effects of the 10-week toolmakers' strike, the most damaging eight weeks of which occurred after the year end. After two years rapid expansion profits' growth had been expected to slow this year anyway, but with the effects of the toolmakers on top, and the damage being inflicted by sudden power shortages, Lucas's first-half results this year are certain to be down on the £35m earned last year.

If the effects of the toolmakers' strike turn out to be short-lived, however, and there is more than just hope says this is the case, then the 11p fall to 284p in the share price yesterday could prove an over reaction.

Last year's results, after a £4m gain as a result of an accounting change on stocks and a £2.1m debit to improve pensions in recently acquired companies, were broadly in line with expectations earlier in the year, if a little below the best guesses which developed later, and their composition suggests there is room for further improvement.

A loss of some £3m resulted from a vicious import deposit scheme in Brazil, the effects of which, have ended, which with poor results from South Africa and

Sir Bernard Scott, chairman of Lucas Industries.

Australia helped to depress profits from overseas companies, down from £22.4m to £21.5m despite a 50 per cent increase in total sales to EEC countries. This rise seems to have benefited exports from the United Kingdom rather than the overseas companies themselves, being a major contributor to the leap in the United Kingdom vehicle equipment profits from £52.7m to £76.3m.

Gains in market shares in Europe last year should continue, which will help offset the effect of a slower growing European industry, although margins might be tighter, but toolmakers apart, growth in the United Kingdom should continue to come from the higher price faster growth diesel engine market, which grew by around 5 per cent last year, and should do again this.

Meanwhile, there will be much caution in the market, but the historic p/e of 7.25 is not demanding for a long-term growth company planning £60m of capital spending with modest borrowings. The yield of 4.4 per cent, though, is not attractive. The shares, thus, look about right.

Electronic Rentals

A facility from Philips

Philips set the cat among the pigeons at Electronic Rentals yesterday when it got hold of ER's chairman, Mr Maurice Fry, in the morning to tell him that its longstanding stake in ER had gone above 30 per cent so triggering a bid under Rule 34 of the Takeover Code. ER and its advisers, Morgan Grenfell, were left to sweat it out until the evening when Philips defused the situation with a facility bid of 100p a share cash which for the record values ER at only 7 times historic earnings.

The question naturally is why Philips having consciously increased its ER stake from 29.2 per cent to 30.14 per cent, is putting itself to the trouble and expense of having to make an offer, as of course it has to now. For, equally consciously, Philips has just spent a great deal of time getting out of direct involvement in the television rentals business; indeed it sold its substantial Loyds Retailers concern to ER last year for £23m, partly satisfied by the issue of ER shares.

Philips simply says it is interested in increasing its stake in ER, partly because it admires its ability to make good money in the television rental business—nearly £11m last year. In turn of course ER's underlying philosophy is that with around five million British homes still with monochrome television sets the potential for renters to convert to colour is still highly attractive. With Philips through its Mullard business the only maker of colour television tubes left in Britain, one begins to understand why it is anxious to hold a powerful position in ER.

Swan Hunter

Cash to come

Swan Hunter's annual report contains a package of cash handouts, and a new company on top of the still unknown quantity of nationalization compensation.

It is clear that this was better than most observers had been expecting. Even without the compensation proceeds there should be £1 per share cash in the company. Another 40p can be added to this to cover the estimated value of the new company's shares, assuming first that the cash does not go into the new company and second asset backing of around £7m, for the new company. Then, of course, there is the lowest estimate of compensation which is £5m or 27p per share.

That adds up to an apparent base line price for the shares of 167p against yesterday's closing price of 157p, a discount that includes market confusion and uncertainty about the details of the director's intensions.

Part of this confusion revolves around the precise amount of the cash handout. The minimum is put by the company at 50p and analysts have been suggesting up to 150p and beyond assuming the board decides to hand out every penny.

The possible outcome is that some one may see Swan Hunter as a suitable acquisition, an operation that could be seen as an alternative to a rights issue.

For the time being all these pointers seem to be good for the shares, but the uncertainty created by nationalization is such that shareholders should recognize the highly speculative nature of their investment at this point.

● *Investors in gilts have, for a change, had little to complain of over the past 12 months in terms of getting a real rate of return on their investment.*

Yesterday's Wholesale Price Index for October showed that price levels are continuing to move in the right direction and the Government has already stated that it hopes—albeit after as many false starts as we care to remember—that the year on year rise in prices should be down to single figures within six months or so.

RPI PROJECTIONS

Change over 12 months on the basis of the following monthly rates of increase from September onwards:

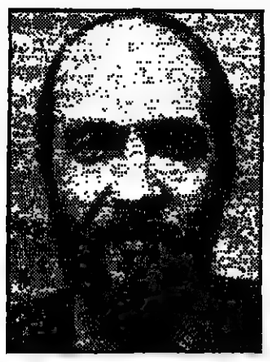
	0.5% per month	0.75% per month	1% per month
1977			
Dec	12.2	13.0	13.7
1978			
March	8.5	10.4	12.1
June	4.9	8.2	10.6
Sept	6.2	9.4	12.7

The problem, of course, comes in judging what happens once the factors already at work in the cause of slower rising prices have worked themselves through the system. And here the most obvious uncertainty, as we have been rudely reminded these past few days, is the future course of pay settlements. As the chart shows, even assuming a fairly constant monthly increase in price levels, the year on year rate of increase could well have bottomed out within six to nine months. And, though a rise in earnings in the present wage round above the Government's 10 per cent target would take some further months to have an effect on the rate of price increases, the financial markets would adjust their stance a good time ahead of such a development.

North Sea oil and the economy–2

Making sure that the monetary framework is right

Alan Budd, right, contributes the second in a series of three articles by leading economists on the implications of North Sea oil. The final article will be published later this week



The classic scene in the silent comedies has the hero hammering unsuccessfully at the door; he turns round and walks off in disgust whereupon the whole building collapses behind him.

The debate about the exchange rate has been overtaken by events and the Government has been forced to change its intervention policy. What is there left to say except perhaps: "We told you so"?

But these articles are, after all, about North Sea oil. The massive inflows of funds which eventually forced the freeing of the exchange rate had little to do with North Sea oil (which has been known about for a long time) and a great deal to do with the change in confidence following the International Monetary Fund Letter of Intent and the Government's commitment to stringent financial policy. Having willed the means it was bound eventually to will the end in terms of a higher exchange rate and lower prices.

There are still issues to be debated about exchange rate and monetary policy in connexion with North Sea oil and it is right to air them, since there is still a chance that, once it has coped with what it sees as a temporary problem, the Government will revert to exchange rate "management".

It is important to distinguish, where monetary policy is concerned, between the long-run problems (if, indeed, they are problems) of coping with North Sea oil and the short-run problems that arise from our current economic difficulties.

Adjustment of output

One approach to the long-run problem would go as follows: North Sea oil is a gift of nature which raises the potential output of the United Kingdom. (We need not worry for the moment how the gift is to be shared out.) Output will adjust to this higher level and since there will be higher output we shall need larger real money balances to finance it.

We can achieve the increase in real balances by increasing the nominal amount of money while holding prices constant or by holding nominal balances constant and allowing prices to fall. Normally one would choose the former course since it is rather difficult (though it is by no means unheard of) to make prices fall. But since we live in a world of chronic inflation, there is something to be said for adopting the latter course and using the increase in output to slow inflation down.

If North Sea oil raises potential output at current prices by about 4 per cent, it would eventually, with a given growth in the money supply, keep prices roughly 4 per cent lower than they would otherwise have been—and every little helps.

That may sound rather an odd approach to the problem. The great debate on North Sea oil has been about its effect on the balance of payments and thence on the money supply. But one can argue as follows: in the long run North Sea oil even if it lasted for ever, will have no effect on the balance of payments.

That may sound both unhelpful and uninteresting, but the obsession with the balance of payments effects of North Sea oil has undoubtedly been a major source of confusion. The trouble began when oil prices increased in 1973. People started talking about "oil" and "non-oil" balance of payments deficits, as if oil effects could to some purpose be added to or subtracted from the balance of payments.

We now have the same delusion in reverse, with people wanting to take North Sea oil out of the balance of payments and, even worse, trying to distinguish between "oil" and "non-oil" competitiveness. As an accounting exercise, calculation of the effects of oil may have some interest (we have done such calculations ourselves); it may also be interesting to ask how oil affects the economy, but it is completely misleading to continue to treat oil (wherever it comes from) separately, as if we had two separate balance of payments accounts.

The increase in oil prices was a major shock to the system and the arrival of North Sea oil is a major shock to the system, too. The first had a marked short-run effect on the current account of the balance of payments, pushing it into deficit, and the second will have the short-run effect of pushing it into surplus; but there is only one market for sterling and the system will come into balance through offsetting trade and capital flows or through a change in the exchange rate.

The important point is that the effect of North Sea oil on the balance of payments can only be transitory.

The adjustment in the balance of payments, whether exchange rates are fixed or flexible, will come about through four mechanisms. First, part of the proceeds of North Sea oil will be spent on imports. Secondly, to the extent that there is any increase in economic activity, there will be an increase in imports. Thirdly, there will be capital outflows and, fourthly, there will be changes in the structure of the economy to shift resources from exports to domestic markets.

Since these processes will all take time, the short-run effects of North Sea oil are likely to be as follows. If the exchange rate is held constant, there will be inflows of reserves with consequential effects on the money supply and prices. If the exchange rate is freed, it is likely to rise, while leaving domestic prices unchanged.

In either case we shall experience, at least in the short run, an increase in the real exchange rate. Whether that increase will be sustained it is extremely difficult to tell. It seems likely that it will be and this, indeed, will be part of the mechanism by which resources are shifted from foreign to domestic markets.

However, as the economy adjusts to North Sea oil the inflow into the reserves will stop in the fixed exchange rate case and the exchange rate will stop rising in the flexible rate case. There could be some subsequent outflow of reserves or fall in the exchange rate (but, as I have said, it is unlikely) to bring us back to where we started.

The only difference in the end will be that prices and the nominal money supply will be higher and the exchange rate will be lower in the fixed rate case than in the flexible rate case. Again, it would seem better to use the increase in the exchange rate as a further method of bringing inflation down.

A classic choice

Inevitably, all the attention has been concentrated on the short-run period during which the adjustment to North Sea oil will be incomplete. Those who have argued for a fixed exchange rate (or for "constant competiveness") hope to avoid the increase in the real exchange rate which they believe North Sea oil will generate. But they almost certainly do not have the choice.

The increase in the *real* exchange rate will come about either through an increase in the exchange rate with prices unchanged or through an increase in prices with the exchange rate unchanged.

If the authorities try to prevent the increase in the exchange rate change, prices will adjust through reserve inflows.

The Government has the classic choice, emphasized by Keynes, between holding the exchange rate and letting inflation vary or holding inflation and letting the exchange rate vary. Given the costs of the last inflationary explosion it seems far more sensible to direct monetary policy towards price stability rather than risk loss of control of the money supply.

Recent experiences have shown again how easily the attempt to hold the exchange rate can cause reserve inflows which threaten to swamp monetary targets.

While the general outlines of monetary policy may be easily described, the details will call for all the skills of the authorities; but in the end monetary policy will simply provide the framework within which the important and interesting questions of allocating the benefits of North Sea oil are decided.

Those questions are political and the economist *per se* has no particular contribution to make. He can, however, sound a warning when it looks as if the political discussion is ignoring or misrepresenting the economic constraints.

One proposal is to ensure that the exchange rate is kept low, and possibly reduced further, in order to maintain our export industry while North Sea benefits are being felt. The idea, which seems quite sensible, is to ensure that exports are available when the oil dries up.

One objection to this policy is that it is likely to be self-defeating. All that will happen, as I have argued, is that we shall have higher prices. But, even if it could be achieved, it would mean that we permanently keep the terms of trade lower than they need be in order to maintain sections of industry ready for some distant date (which no one knows, not even the Government) when they will once again be needed.

It may be that we cannot rely on industry to solve this difficult "re-entry" problem unaided; but it is in industry's direct interest to try to get it right. One thing we can be fairly sure of is that the mix of exports we shall need in twenty or so years' time is not the mix we have now.

Whatever happened, there would have to be major structural changes. There is an important risk that a general subsidy to exports through an artificially low exchange rate would prevent these structural changes, with constant demands for a yet lower exchange rate as industries became threatened. All this intervention will be predicated upon the belief that the Government knows both what the required level of competitiveness is and how to achieve it.

Finally, there is the question of unemployment. On this I am less optimistic than most. I can see no reason to expect that North Sea oil by itself will allow us to reduce the level of unemployment permanently.

Windfall reserves

If our present problems are ones of adjustment for the United Kingdom and the rest of the world, in the sense that there is a lower level of unemployment which will avoid accelerating inflation or chronic balance of payments problems and the only problem is to reach it, then North Sea oil may help the process. The short-run balance of payments surpluses are like a windfall increase in the foreign exchange reserves which will allow us to run the economy temporarily at a higher pressure of demand than would otherwise by the case. But this merely speeds the journey, it does not alter the destination.

The Government could, of course, use the additional resources while they last to subsidize employment, but that is a political choice involving a shift of resources from the employed to the currently unemployed. The additional resources from North Sea oil make the decision easier, but do not alter its basic nature.

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Business Diary: Hongkong cloth caps • Meany's campaign

Britain's clothing workers want radical legal reforms to permit "effective trade unionism" in Hongkong. The Crown colony, they argue, is a happy hunting ground for international investors, being largely devoid of workers' rights.

In evidence to the Foreign Office inquiry into labour relations in Hongkong, conducted by Professor H. A. Turner, the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers says: "Hongkong is not a poverty stricken under-developed country struggling towards industrialization. Rather it is a highly developed industrialized state, providing rich rewards for commercial investors, many of them of international origin.

"Its workers are largely underpaid, under-represented and lacking the social safety net afforded to workers in most industrialized states."

The garment workers say that action is required to force changes on the colony so that its trade union structure is rationalized and strengthened. This, in turn, can only take place through legislation providing statutory trade union rights and an education programme designed to take advantage of any rights advanced."

But the NUTGW does not expect these reforms to be implemented by the colony's legislative council. The union view is that this has failed most of Hongkong's workers.

"This is hardly surprising given the highly unrepresentative nature of the council. A legislature whose members are largely appointed from among the élite of the commercial and business communities is unlikely to pay much attention to, or even understand, the problems of workers and their families."

The union suggests that major legislative changes are necessary and that the most effective way of ensuring that they fulfil the needs of workers is for the workers themselves to have effective representation on the legislative and executive council.

Jack Macgougan, general secretary of the tailors and garment workers, said that recent improvements in labour legislation in Hongkong were slight and there was much doubt about the prospects for enforcement.

Who better than Herbert Turner to chair an inquiry into, among other things, the "sweating" of tailoring workers in Hongkong? Not only is Professor Turner the author of a string of books on labour and trade union topics, but he is also Montague Burton Professor of Industrial Relations at Cambridge.

■ The word is that George Meany, the crusty and dogmatic octogenarian, will pay no attention to those who want him to retire as head of the American trade union movement.

Instead of resigning, the president of the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organisations (AFL-CIO) seems set to go on the rampage once again. He will wage a stirring political campaign at his organization's twelfth constitutional convention in Los Angeles next month.

As usual, Meany's targets will be the political leadership in Washington and Moscow. In typical style he will undoubtedly have some sharp words for Jimmy Carter about the nation's

George Meany: still campaigning.

7 per cent unemployment, but these will almost seem like praise compared with his plans for the Russians.

In a flourish of activity the still spry Meany has invited Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Russian Nobel Prize winner, to the convention, along with several other leading Soviet dissidents. The Russians will almost certainly refuse passports to these citizens, but Meany has every intention of using his clout and his 14 million trade union members to go ahead and remind the world about the lack of human rights in the USSR.

To fulfil his mission he has launched Vladimir Bukovsky, whom he calls the "Russian human rights leader", on a speaking tour taking him from New York to Texas and Chicago to San Francisco, which will culminate at the Los Angeles conference.

Meany's vigour in this campaign is bound to serve as a reminder to AFL-CIO members that the "old boss" is having too much fun knocking world leaders to think about retiring.

■ One of Britain's oddest limited companies, British Mensa, will be holding what promises to be a lively annual meeting at the National Liberal Club on November 19. Some members feel that the society—which is restricted to people with a high IQ—is being run by its committee with a high hand.

The society became a limited company in 1970 to "secure certain monetary advantages", but after falling foul of the Companies Acts it intends to revert to being an unincorporated society.

Part of its far-flung membership is anxious to secure an adequate discussion of the proposals without having to travel to London.

Communications within the society are also a sore point, with one member pointing out that the committee recently raised the charge for its minutes from 50p to £5—half the membership fee.

Out of a total of 42 motions proposed 15, including calls for resignations, have been brought by David Gallant, who is involved in a High Court action against Mensa.

■ Maneck Dalal, one of the best known and highly respected members of the Indian business community in London, is standing down after almost 30 years in charge of Air-India in Britain.

But after farewell junketings at the airline's headquarters in Bombay, he is bouncing back to London as managing director of Tata Ltd, the London representatives of the J. R. D. Tata industrial empire.

Tata is the man who founded Air-India and it was he who originally took on Dalal after the latter returned to India at the end of the war with a Cambridge MA, a triple Blue and membership of the Middle Temple.

In June, 1948, aged 29, Dalal became Air-India's first employee in Britain, with an office in a caravan at Heathrow airport, a staff of six and two services a week. On his departure he was overseeing 500 employees and 50 aircraft movements in and out of London each week.

He is succeeded by Eric Pereira, 53, who has been an Air-India man since 1946.

Dalal's departure from the airline scene in London leaves Vagn Christensen, head of SAS Scandinavian Airlines, as doyen of the airline managers here. He has been manager of SAS since 1946, but first came to London in 1938 in charge of a Danish airline.

Figures are wonderful things, and we could often read them all day—especially when they come from sources such as CONCAWE, the oil companies' "international study group for conservation of clean air and water in Europe". The statistical summary of spillages from oil industry land pipelines for last year, just published, shows that over eight times as much oil was spilt as in 1975. Nearly as much oil as was spilt in the whole of 1975 was discharged accidentally into an important (unnamed) river in one incident in 1976. "Taking everything into account", the study group says, "any superlative performance becomes increasingly difficult to match or to surpass . . . the very low volume of product spilled in 1975, coupled with a high recovery rate, resulted in final statistics which make subsequent comparisons inexpedient."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of December 2, 1974 between Standard Oil Company (an Indiana corporation) and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Trustee, $900,000 in aggregate principal amount of the above-captioned Debentures will be redeemed for the sinking fund on December 1, 1977 at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to December 1, 1977.

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On December 1, 1977, there will become due and payable on the Debentures to be redeemed the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to December 1, 1977. On and after December 1, 1977, interest on the Debentures to be redeemed shall cease to accrue.

Payment of Debentures to be redeemed will be made on or after December 1, 1977 upon presentation and surrender of said Debentures, with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after December 1, 1977, at any one of the following Paying Agents:

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Special Bond Services
2 Broadway—2nd Floor
New York, New York

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Taunus Anlage 11
6 Frankfurt/Main, Germany

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Woolgate House
Coleman Street
London E. C. 2, England

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Piazza Meda 1
20121 Milan, Italy

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Piazza Marconi 25
00144 Rome, Italy

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
41 rue Cambon
75001 Paris, France

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
No. 1-3 Marunouchi 1-Chome, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Nederlandse Credietbank, N.V.
Herengracht 458
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Banque de Commerce, S.A.
51/52 Avenue des Arts
Brussels, Belgium

Chase Manhattan Bank (Switzerland)
Genferstrasse 24
Zurich, Switzerland

Kredietbank S. A. Luxembourgeoise
37 rue Notre-Dame
Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Interest accrued and unpaid to December 1, 1977 on said Debentures will be paid in the usual manner.

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
(NATIONAL ASSOCIATION), TRUSTEE

Dated: November 1, 1977

Le Monde. LA STAMPA THE TIMES DIE WELT

Europa

How the world's biggest chemicals manufacturer intends to protect shareholders' assets in the face of possible nationalization of its French subsidiary

Hoechst set to meet Leftist threat

Herr Kurt Lanz, deputy chairman of the board of management of Hoechst, the most powerful chemical group in the world, has been responsible for its activities in France for several years. He was the main architect of the alliance between Hoechst and Roussel-Uclaf, more than half the shares in which are now held in West Germany. A well-known Francophile, Herr Lanz has taken the risk—placing his standing with his own German colleagues at stake—of promoting a liberal concept of cooperation between the pharmaceutical divisions of Hoechst and the French company, allowing the latter the largest possible measure of autonomy. With the approach of elections which could possibly lead to the nationalization of Roussel-Uclaf, Herr Lanz outlines to *Europa* the position which he intends to explain publicly over the coming weeks.

Given the possibility of a victory for the Left, whether united or not, in the forthcoming French elections, what is the attitude of the Hoechst group to the concomitant possibility of nationalization of its major pharmaceutical subsidiary?

Nationalization is not acceptable to us. We intend to use all possible *legal channels to protect our shareholders.* Even if nationalization in France could not be avoided, the courts of law in other countries could prevent nationalization of assets located within their own national boundaries and, at all events, lay down acceptable standards of compensation.

9re you referring in particular to the International Court of Justice in The Hague?

Not exclusively. There are also the European laws and the national courts of states where Roussel-Uclaf assets are situated. There is case law dating back to the Russian revolution, Algerian nationalization, and so on.

These laws are mainly concerned with protecting foreign subsidiaries. Would you not contest the nationalization of the French assets?

Quite. But France has an international obligation to abide by the Declaration of Human Rights, which *refers to problems of nationalization* and compensation.

Do you completely rule out the possibility of cooperation with a nationalized Roussel-Uclaf, assuming that a number of the members of the current management team of your subsidiary remain at its head?

Allow me to point out that we do not regard Roussel-Uclaf as a subsidiary of Hoechst. It is an affiliate, a partner, and the fact that we hold more than 50 per cent of the shares in this company makes no difference.

Would this prevent you from cooperating?

We would have to look at the situation in the light of the arrangements and the personalities involved. It would depend on the people put into the management structures at Roussel-Uclaf, on whether the supervisory board in its present form retained its powers, on the composition of the supervisory board etc. *Given a willingness to cooperate on* all sides, it could be in our best interests. But first of all we have an obligation to protect our shareholders' legal and financial rights.

Compensation is very important in your view, then?

It is of prime importance to our shareholders. On the other hand, as a businessman, I wonder whether it would be possible to continue cooperation on the lines along which it has been developed over the last eight years.

In the meantime, have you taken pre-emptive action? There is much talk in France about companies liable to nationalization hiving off large quantities of assets to foreign subsidiaries.

It may be madness on our part, but we have not done this. I have always taken the view that, in difficult circumstances, the best course is to act as if nothing is going to happen. In Roussel-Uclaf, just as in Hoechst France, we have maintained the investment programme at the *level planned, and indeed more than* this, since Roussel-Uclaf's current investment budget is the biggest it has ever had in its history. I consider it is wrong to do anything which could be interpreted as protective or evasive action.

There is talk of a merger between Chimio SA, which controls Roussel-Uclaf, and Hoechst France. Is this not designed to forestall the possibility of nationalization?

No. It is simply a rationalization measure. Chimio is and will continue to be wholly owned by Hoechst. The Roussel-Uclaf holding will remain unchanged.

***Does Roussel-Uclaf launch its* new products itself, or jointly with Hoechst, or on some other basis?**

Research contracts determine the basis on which products are launched. At the beginning of our association we defined the fields for joint and separate research. Consequently, a product belonging to one of Roussel-Uclaf's specific research fields is launched by Roussel-Uclaf *alone. There is, however, an exception* to this: in some countries, such as the United States, we have a subsidiary which launches our products jointly; this is more economical and efficient.

As a group manager, have you resisted the temptation to devitalize Roussel-Uclaf's research?

Roussel-Uclaf's research is dynamic enough for us to have felt no such temptation. This is not to say that the situation could not arise, even without any action on our part, since research is international and researchers are free to go where they wish.

***Would it be possible to separate* the research efforts of Roussel-Uclaf and Hoechst, which now overlap to a great extent?**

It would be a difficult, tricky and somewhat dangerous process. It takes six to 10 years to develop a product. We are currently working on the products of the mid-1980s. What is more, it would be a great shame. Today, however big *it may be, a pharmaceutical concern* cannot do everything at once. It has to make choices. For instance Roussel-Uclaf carries out a great deal of research on steroids, but is weak in the cardio-vascular field. Roussel has therefore signed an agreement with Hoechst under which, when its steroids researchers find a new product, they immediately try to come up with a derivative, a substitute, which can be passed on to Hoechst, and Hoechst reciprocates in the cardio-vascular field. If this relationship were to end, Roussel's cardio-vascular field would collapse.

Would it perhaps be possible to opt for steriods alone—wholly French products?

At the moment our steriods are wholly French, except in the United States where the size of the market obliges us, both Hoechst and Roussel-Uclaf, to market everything together. The French company has complete control over its products.

So, if each partner in the marriage has, so to speak, retained personal property rights, a divorce would be that much easier to arrange?

Theoretically yes. However, we are not concerned with the past, but the future. This year we have had the first instance of a steriod being marketed in the United States under a French name. The point is that, for all its brilliant research, Roussel does not always have the commercial and financial weight to attack international markets successfully in the face of world competition. The Hoechst group's turnover is 10 times as large as Roussel-Uclaf's. The power ratio is clear. If it is true that Roussel-Uclaf contributes certain things to Hoechst, the converse is equally true. We should be seeing something similar in Europe.

Is there not a danger that, in the event of nationalization, you would have to pay the price of the great loyalty to your French partners you have displayed in adopting the genuine view of your mutual interests, by which I mean encouraging their own dynamism in order to benefit from it? You could have taken the other course and attracted the researchers to West Germany while breaking up the company.

Of course we could have, but we would have destroyed the company instead of building it up.

Do you have channels through which to bring pressure to bear in France?

No, none. We have to use persuasion.

Have you been in contact with the parties of the left to give them a better understanding of the situation?

The French management of Roussel-Uclaf have supplied the available documents to those who have asked for them. But they do not yet know the group well and we have seen documents which contained major errors. The role of the Roussel-Uclaf board of management is to improve information on the group, but it is not appropriate for its French members to take up political positions by arguing constantly with politicians, since they will be responsible for the future running of the company whatever happens. Seen from the Hoechst viewpoint the situation is different: we have not only the right but the duty to take up political positions.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Shareholders to decide on merger of Hutchison Int and Whampoa

The proposed merger between Hutchison International (HIL) and its subsidiary, Hongkong Whampoa Dock Company (HWD), will be put to a shareholder vote next month, according to HIL's chief executive, Mr William Wyllie.

The merger plan first announced in June, will be effected by means of a "scheme of arrangement" through which a new holding company, Hutchison Whampoa, will become directly and indirectly owner of the issued share capital of HIL and HWD.

The merger will mean: For every 1,000 ordinary shares of HIL, shareholders will receive 600 ordinary shares of Hutchison Whampoa and 600 7¼ per cent cumulative redeemable participating preference shares of HWL. For every 1,000 ordinary shares of HWD, shareholders will receive 1,942 ordinary shares of HWD and 1,942 7¼ per cent cumulative redeemable participating shares of HIL.

Mr Wyllie explained that the issue of redeemable preference shares will provide Hutchison Whampoa with a capital structure which is flexible and well suited to meet its anticipated future requirements while at the same time giving shareholders a significant increase in income.—AP-Dow Jones.

Mitsui's Big fall

Mitsui Shipbuilding and Engineering Group, of Japan, says that its net profit in a half-year ended September 30 fell sharply to 1,900m (about £4.2m) yen, down 51.0 per cent from 3,900m yen in the similar period a year earlier. Sales during the six months totalled 152,400m yen, down a slight 3.9 per cent from 158,600m yen a year earlier. New ship sales were 90,900m yen, up 14 per cent from 19,500m yen. Overall exports totalled 106,200m yen, down 30.3 per cent from 117,900m yen a year earlier. Mitsui shipbuilding is the fourth largest shipbuilder in Japan.

Dai-Ichi Kangys Bank

The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank of Singapore is planning a United States dollar negotiable certificate of deposit issue in Singapore, Asian dollar market sources says. Details of the issue, the first of its kind in Singapore and in the Asian dollar market generally, will be announced later. The Finance Ministry said in April that it was planning to start a market in Asian dollar negotiable CD's in the middle of this year, when practical and technical details had been worked out.

Mercantile Credits

Mercantile Credits of Australia says that it will make a $A15m (about £9.3m) issue of first charge debenture stock and $A5m issue of unsecured deposit notes to open tomorrow. Interest rates on the debenture stock range from 9.75 per cent for three to five months to 12.75 per cent for five years. Rates on the notes range from 10 per cent for three to five months to 12.75 per cent for three years.

Antar shares halted

The Paris stockbrokers association has ordered the suspension of Antar Petroles de l'Atlantique's share listing yesterday and today. The decision comes after an announcement by the boards of Antar and Socantar SA that Socantar plans to absorb Antar through an offer of one Socantar share for every two Antar shares. It added Socantar already owns 59.43 per cent of Antar.

Sharp Corp boost

The Sharp Coporation, the Tokyo-based electronics group reports that its September 30 half-year net profit rose by 46.5 per cent to 3,700m yen (about £8.2m) from 2,500m yen in the similar half-year period last year. Sales rose by 5.8 per cent to 153,200m yen from 144,800m yen. The group said sales of televisions fell 12.5 per cent from a year earlier to 39,000m yen, or 25.5 per cent of the total sales against 30.8 per cent a year ago. Audio equipment sales rose by 23.5 per cent to 24,600m yen and sales of electronic orders rose 9.2 per cent to 47,737m yen or 31 per cent of all sales. Export sales were up 7.7 per cent to 55.1 per cent of all sales against a 54.1 per cent share last year.

Briefly

AZCON CORP

Net income of this 89 per cent-controlled subsidiary of Cons Gold Fields is steady at $2.9m for three months to September 30.

IRISH LOAN

ECGD has guaranteed £3m line of credit which Hill Samuel acting on behalf of syndicate, has made available to Electricity Supply Board, Irish Reublic. Loan will enable Irish buyers to place contracts in United Kingdom for capital goods and associated services for ESB's development programme.

CAMPARI

Chairman said at annual general meeting that trading still good.

CH INDUSTRIALS

Company to restructure Hard Trim division with merger of trim and nameplate interests of Compra Plastics and Betta Manufacturing.

LONDON EUROPEAN

London and European announces acceptances of offer for O. C. Summers received for 1.09m ord bringing total to 89.7 per cent.

Business appointments

Executive post at Norwest Holst International

Mr Paul Chaston has been made managing director of Norwest Holst International.

Mr David Lee has joined the main board of the Halifax Building Society.

Mr B. G. Skinner is now chief general manager of Royal London Mutual Insurance in succession to the late Mr L. C. Poll.

Mr Gordon Latham becomes chairman and Mr Peter Day managing director of Kearley and Tonge.

Air Commodore F. W. Thompson becomes director — air weapons, and Mr P. L. V. Hickman director and divisional manager—space, of Hawker Siddeley Dynamics. Mr D. G. Atkins is now executive director—naval weapons and Mr D. Hunter executive director—Lostock production.

Mr Andrew Shonfield has joined Forex Research as a non-executive director from January 1.

Mr W. D. Engeham is now a director of Stewart Wrightson Group.

Mr J. M. Horwell has been made a director of Devitt Langton & Dawnay Day.

Mr Allan Picken has been made financial director of Supra Automotive.

Mr George Smith is the new director of research of British Shipbuilders from December 1.

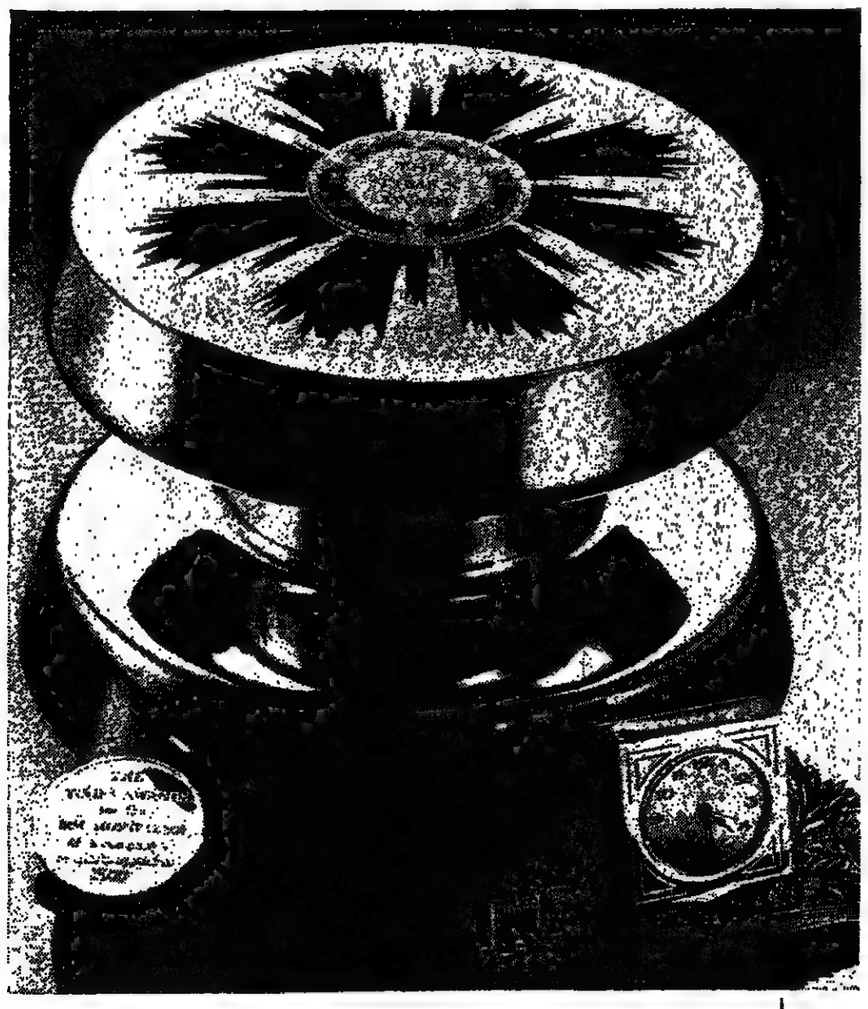
The following have been made directors of H. G. Chester: Mr L. C. Allaney, Mr J. W. Bragg, Mr A. L. Elliott, Mr G. F. Hucklewell and Mr R. J. Martin. Mr Thomas Poole is to retire as cargo underwriter on December 31 but will remain on the board. He is succeeded by Mr Bragg.

Mr Ernest Hodgson has been elected chairman of the National Cavity Insulation Association.

Mr J. P. Allatt succeeds the late Mr W. G. Nevill as managing director of Crompton Parkinson Vidor.

Mr N. Kirschner, managing director of Reyrolle Parsons of South Africa, has joined the board of A. Reyrolle.

Dr J. Birks has been appointed a managing director of British Petroleum from January.



THE TIMES AWARDS FOR THE BEST ADVERTISEMENT OF A COMPANY'S RESULTS FOR 1977.

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results have aroused considerable interest since their introduction in 1974 and the competition is now in its fourth year.

The categories in which awards will be made are listed alongside.

The conditions of entry remain unchanged.

The Awards

The awards will follow the 1976 pattern, namely

a) The Grand Prix, to be held for one year, awarded to the entrant whose advertisement is, in the opinion of the judges, the best submitted, irrespective of category. The Grand Prix consists of a silver trophy, specially designed for The Times by Gordon Hodgson.

b) First, second and third prizes for category winners. Awards will be made both to the winning advertiser and agent.

The Panel of Judges

The Awards will be made by an independent panel of judges, selected for their understanding of this specialised form of communication.

They will judge entries in accordance with the following criteria. An advertisement of a company's results, whether the Chairman's statement is or is not included in full or in abridged form, should:

a) Attract the eye, by virtue of its design.

b) Be easy to read, by the use of skilful typography.

c) Contain such information as prospective investors or professional advisers are likely to require, including details of the business carried on by the company.

d) Include, at the option of the advertiser, such illustrations, graphs, or diagrams as may be necessary to supplement (c) above.

e) Leave the reader with the impression that the company concerned would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or to invest in.

Note: In the case of the categories 'Interim Results' or 'Preliminary Figures', only criteria (a) to (d) will apply.

Conditions of Entry

All entries are free, but must have appeared in the pages of The Times Business News during 1977.

The following are the categories in which awards will be made:

1. Annual Results.

a) Colour or Black and White. Half page or larger, or equivalent.

b) Colour or Black and White. Less than half page or equivalent.

2. Interim Results or Preliminary Figures. Colour or Black and White (All sizes).

The Judges will have the option of making, at their absolute discretion, special awards for the following:

*The best advertisement by an overseas company.

*The best advertisement smaller than 20cms x 4 cols.

*The advertisement which makes the most significant contribution to new and imaginative thinking in financial advertising (without necessarily satisfying all the criteria for the Grand Prix or Category Winners.)

Entries will be accepted throughout the twelve month period January 1st–December 31st 1977, and should take the form of art pulls mounted on board, with a clear indication of the category in which they are to be judged. Six unmounted art pulls should also be provided for the use of the Award Judges. They should be sent to:

Michael Mander, Deputy Chief Executive and Marketing Director,
The Times Awards,
The Times, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road,
London WC1X 8EZ. Tel: 01-837 1234.

Presentation of the awards will be made early in 1978.

THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Overseas boost for Capper-Neill and another peak in sight

By Victor Felstead

Growth is still continuing at Cheshire-based Capper-Neill, but more slowly than in the last couple of years. On turnover 43¼ per cent up at £30.5m, pre-tax profits rose by 36 per cent to £2.06m in the six months to September 30. This was in spite of a more than doubled interest charge of £122,000.

However, in the 12 months to March 31 last, profits, including the Glover Group which was bought during the year, rose by 52 per cent to a record £4.2m. The year before that they jumped by 96 per cent.

Export figures are not given. But their importance can be judged from the fact that in 1976-77 total turnover reached £50.52m, including Glover. Out of this, exports were £13.62m—a 76 per cent rise on the previous year's record.

During the half-year, the expected upsurge in United Kingdom economic activity failed to materialize. This led to a rather disappointing result

Mr W. P. Capper, chairman.

Capper-Neill's major activity remains on site construction work throughout a growing range of processes which cover a widening spread of industries and markets. The group makes pipework, storage, materials handling and process plant.

Although the impact on profits of a much bigger order book is unlikely to be seen before the year-end, the group performance for the full year is expected to produce a profit "somewhat in excess" of the best-ever £4.2m pre-tax for 1976-77. These figures were in line with market predictions and the shares rose by a penny yesterday to 66p.

An interim dividend of 1.59p gross is being paid. This is an effective rise of 10 per cent on last year's payment after adjusting for the scrip issue. In addition, the balance of the final dividend for last year, which arises because of the change in the basic rate of income tax, of 0.014p a share will be paid. The directors expect to recommend a final dividend at the maximum rate allowed. Last year's total was 2.9p gross, adjusting for the scrip issue.

Recovery on the cards for Lake & Elliot

By Alison Mitchell

The worst is over for Lake & Elliot, the steel castings to valve manufacturer which saw profits slashed by almost £1m last year.

Mr Peter Lake, chairman, tells shareholders that the recent improvement in orders leaves the group facing the future with confidence tempered by prudence.

The road has not been easy. With pre-tax profits down to £1.1m in the 12 months to July 31 Lake has had to take drastic action. The loss-making Cockburns factory at Glasgow, which mounted up a deficit of £2m in the past three years, has been closed and the business transferred to the Hindle site at Leeds.

The closure costs, including the redundancy of some 200 workers, have totalled £200,000 so far and some further provision may have to be made in the current year.

Although there had been a downturn in orders, a resurgence over the past eight months for this division should show through to profits in the second half of the current year, according to managing director Mr John French.

Expansion at the group will come on the foundries side with a £4m capital spending plan over the next four years.

Lake, which services the petrochemical and shipping industries throughout the world, exports about 60 per cent of turnover, directly and indirectly, but the chairman would like to see this increase.

Start up costs associated with marketing group products in America have kept this side in the red but it should break even in the current year and start contributing to profits in the following 12 months.

Stock markets

Firemen's threat dampens rally

A promising rally was nipped in the bud by the firemen's decision to call a strike from next Monday.

Early in the day sharp gains which owed more to "bear" closing than genuine investment demand had the *FT* Index 11.5 better by 11 am. But this sudden worsening of the already bleak industrial outlook quickly took its toll and by the close the index was just 4.2 ahead at 480.4 after some light but persistent selling.

Early gains of as much as seven eighths at the longer-end of the fixed-interest market were whittled away on industrial considerations and by the end most stocks were little changed from their Friday night levels. Though the index scored its first rise in 11 sessions dealers drew little comfort from the performance. They feel that the market now lacks the underlying firmness of just a couple of weeks ago and is highly susceptible to bad news, especially on the industrial front.

At best they are looking for consolidation at around the present levels.

Among the industrial leaders two issues to hold firm against the trend were Beecham, up 7p to 627p on the spur of forthcoming figures, and Unilever which rose 8p to 558p and stayed there.

Building issues also showed some resistance to the late fall, particularly Costain, which has fallen far of late and stayed 14p to the good at 286p, and housebuilder Barratt Developments which finished 6p ahead at 104p. But Tyson (Contractors) dipped 3p to 28p after figures. A £6m rights issue package from Coral Leisure had the shares 10p up to 240p while Associated Leisure, where Coral has a stake, scored a sympathetic rise of 2½p to 50p.

News of an approach had Morgan Grampian 17p ahead at 160p after being 30p better at one stage. Other bid and speculative stocks to gain ground were S. Osborn 3p to 82p, Graham Wood 2p to 56p, Vaux 4p to 322p and Giltspur which ended 7o ahead at 51p. News of a possible purchase in the United States helped toy group Dunbee Combex to go ahead 8p to 162p.

Another speculative spot was to be found in the food sector where Nurdin & Peacock rose another 4p to 107p, after 108p, on continued demand. Ahead of figures due later this week Sainsbury held steady at 230p but Pork Forms scored a spectacular rise of 13p to 323p. Wheatsheaf was another in good form and ended 5p up at 218p.

In the engineering sector Simon rose 9p to 209p after news of a £79m contract for Russia while Swan Hunter's annual report was good for a gain of 9p to 157p.

Also ahead of figures this week W. H. Smith "A" put on 15p to 785p after 790p while favourable comment was good for rises of a few pence in Trident TV at 54p and Cowan de Groot at 62p. With nine-month figures coming soon Ultramar went ahead 4p to 220p in oils where both BP at 886p and Shell at 552p ended the session 6p to the good. Stores features Gus "A" up another 6p to 320p.

A subdued property pitch features Bernard Sunley, up 7p to 172p and Haslemere which firmed 5p to 215p. After figures Allied London closed with a gain of 12p to 90p while the news that the Peachey stake will be kept "under review" had the latter's shares a point better at 74p

Equity turnover in November was £81.24m (13,409 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Shell, Beecham, P & O, GEC, Distillers, Commercial Union, BAT Dfd, Thorn, Grand Metropolitan, GKN, Gus "A", European Ferries, Vickers, Unilever, Myson, Wedgwood, Pork Farms, Simon Engineering, Lucas and Coral Leisure.

Howden Group rose 3p to 62p. The persistent gossip is of a merger with the new Northern Engineering Industries, now in the midst of an offer for International Combustion Holdings. However, Howden is doing well enough on its own. Profits this year to April 30 next will probably be around £6m against £4.66m and the prospective yield is a useful 10 per cent.

For some time now dealers have been expecting developments at the Myson central heating and ventilating group. They now feel that news may not be far away with the shares rising 7p to 48p in two days on a good demand which was first evident late on Friday. They emphasize that the buying has not been speculative.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Airflow (I)	5.2(3.6)	0.45(0.21)	—(—)	1.25(1.1)	6/1	—(4.4)
All Ldn Props (F)	7.8(6.6)	0.97(0.83)	6.67(5.58)	1.8(1.6)	—	2.7(2.4)
Barlows (I)	0.16(0.15)	0.02(0.03)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Brit I & G Inv (F)	—(—)	0.17(0.14)	—(—)	2.35(1.05)	22/12	3.4(3.0)
Capper-Neill (I)	30.5(21.2)	2.0(1.5)	—(—)	1.05(0.94)	—	—(1.80)
Drayton C Tst (F)	—(—)	1.6(1.4)	—(—)	3.4(2.9)	23/12	4.7(4.1)
Dualvest (I)	—(—)	0.33(0.30)	—(—)	2.35(2.1)	30/11	—(—)
Euston Centre (I)	—(—)	1.2(0.73)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Futura (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	0.25(—)	—	—(2.4)
G & G Kynoch (F)	1.3(0.95)	0.002b(0.02b))	0.6p(3.1b)	1.0(0.5)	21/12	1.0(1.5)
Ldn Enterprs (F)	—(—)	0.09(0.07)	1.48(1.19)	1.37(1.15)	9/12	1.37(1.15)
Lucas Inds (F)	—(—)	77.28(55.8)	—(—)	6.0(5.8)	—	8.2(7.3)
Wm. Mowat (F)	0.15(0.19)	0.01(0.002)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
M. Y. Dart (F)	12.6(9.4)	1.7(1.1)	13.04(9.06)	1.27(0.6)	9/1	3.3(2.3)
Rand Mns Ps (F)	20.9a(27.7a)	3.3a(5.0a)	25.2(34.9)	14.0(14)	—	14(14)
Saker Finance (I)	—(—)	0.46a(0.35a)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Silhouette (I)	7.5(5.9)	0.42(0.39)	—(—)	0.72(0.71)	29/12	—(3.2)
Tysons (I)	5.3(6.1)	0.03(0.33)	0.41(3.29)	—(—)	—	—(2.1)
USMC (I)	65.2(55.2)	6.8(4.0)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Young Co Inv (I)	—(—)	0.18(0.18)	—(—)	1.4(1.2)	30/12	—(3.3)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profit are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Rands. b Loss.

United Tech may spend £266m in UK

Mr Harry Gray, chairman and president of the United States giant United Technologies, says that his group had a possible shopping list of "less than 10" United Kingdom companies and $500m (£266m) to spend.

UT's massive cash resources are still available after its failure to win control of the American company Babcock and Wilcox with its $580m offer. Mr Gray said at his annual briefing for the City that he had not given up Babcock and Wilcox as "nothing seems to have happened" since J. Ray McDermott's bid. UT is looking for acquisitions in technological fields including its work in aero-engines, power systems, electrics and motor parts. Mr Gray also said that any acquisition must have good "stand-alone" capability. He is not interested in turnaround situations.

He said the group had looked at a couple of United Kingdom companies but no approaches had yet been made. But he stressed that the group's priorities did not have national boundaries. The first consideration was the fields in which companies worked.

Only about $1m of the group's total liquid resources are now invested in the United Kingdom.

MY Dart out of the rut and shares respond

By Our Financial Staff

November 5 was a washout for many this year. But there is nothing soggy about the way Benwell fireworks maker MY Dart hoisted pre-tax profits from £1.18m to £1.71m in the year to July 2.

These were usefully better than the £1.62m forecast with the one-for-seven rights issue at 36p that raised £514,000 as recently as last June.

The figures also mean that this maker of sporting goods such as darts and dartboards, Halex table tennis bats, and packaging besides fireworks has decisively broken away from a two-year profit rut.

The present year has started well. Several developments are in an advanced stage of planning, Mr Sidney Marks, chairman, reports, and these will need new plant and premises.

The chairman says that all three divisions (sports goods, packaging, pyrotechnics) went ahead last year and they should all do so again this year.

The cash call meant a 45 per cent dividend boost and the yield is still nearly 7 per cent. Yesterday the shares jumped 4p to 48p on the latest news

London Scot Finance optimistic

A cheerful view is taken by Mr Rowland Landman, the chairman of the London Scottish Finance Corporation, which recently took over Dupont Brothers.

In his annual report he is optimistic that the trading losses of £380,000 made by Dupont in the year immediately before takeover will have been turned round well before the end of the current year. This is to be considered very satisfactory, he says, having regard to the extensive reorganization costs in the first half-year.

Dupont is in personal loans, insurance broking and credit retailing. It also has four small department stores, which will all be closed down. This will realise assets which can be best employed in Dupont's traditional business, but which will initially involve redundancies and other costs.

London Scottish is in banking, consumer credit, debt collection and other financial services. The group is largely financed by certain United Kingdom and United States banks and acceptance houses and does not advertise for deposits.

Activity has been brisk in the first quarter of the current year and, notwithstanding rationalization expenses, the chairman hopes the current year will show a "significant improvement" on last year.

Pre-tax profits in 1976-77 reached £326,000. At the year-end, July 26, net current assets were £2.18m, against £1.94m a year earlier.

Coral Leisure coins money but wants £6m more

By Desmond Quigley

Coral Leisure, which has casino, bookmaking and hotel interests, finally announced a cash call. It is a one-for-eight rights issue at 200p a share to raise £6m.

The group is proposing to increase its total dividend this year by half to the equivalent of 18.2p a share gross. Yesterday the shares rose 10p to 240p.

It is the second rights issue from Coral in 18 months. In March last year, Coral made a one-for-six rights issue at 100p to raise £2.7m.

Following this latest cash raising, there will be a one-for-one scrip issue to aid the marketability of the shares.

Announcing the rights issue Coral said that unaudited pre-tax profits for the first 38 weeks of the current year stood at £13.4m compared with £7.5m in the same period last year, an increase of 79 per cent. After this disclosure, analysts began revising upwards their profit forecasts for the year to around £18m, compared with £10.1m for last year, an almost comparable increase to the one so far made this year.

At last night's closing price, the ex-rights price of the shares would be 235½p, to give a prospective yield of 7.7 per cent and a p/e ratio of over 7.

Since last year's rights issue, the group has embarked on a big acquisition programme. The most important purchase was of Centre Hotels for £16.7m in cash and shares in April. Mr Nicholas Coral, chairman, said that Centre's profits before interest and tax for the 24 weeks to September 22 had amounted to £2.32m, compared with £1.86m in the same months the year before.

The acquisition of Centre substantially increased Coral's gearing from less than 40 per cent to more than 100 per cent of shareholders' funds. However, gross borrowings have subsequently fallen from just under £25m to £18m.

The new money will be used not so much to reduce borrowings further but to aid expansion in leisure.

It is too early to say yet if Coral will expand its new hotel division, but the group believes that it has some gaps yet to fill in its leisure coverage.

ASSOCIATED LEISURE

Mr Carton Walker, founder of Last Drop Village Bolton and Tickled Trout Hotel Preston is leaving United Kingdom to live abroad. Terms have been agreed for Associated Leisure to buy two businesses.

Carliol sets out terms for Tyneside

Terms of the merger between two Newcastle investment trusts—Carliol and Tyneside—have been disclosed. They value Tyneside at just over £6.2m.

The undertaking, assets and liabilities of this trust will be transferred to Carliol. Holders of every 100 ordinary shares will receive 97 new Carliol ordinary shares.

Cross holdings of the preference capital of the two companies will be cancelled and public holders of Carliol's preference shares will get a 13p per share cash repayment, and of Tyneside's, 16p.

Dividends on the existing equity of both companies have been stepped up from 5p for last year to 5.68p for Carliol and 5.65p for Tyneside.

The brokers for both companies are recommending shareholders to accept the terms and the directors have indicated that they intend to vote in favour of the merger in respect to their own holdings.

Dunbee-Combex to buy Aurora

Toy maker Dunbee-Combex-Marx has agreed in principle with Nabisco Incorporated of the United States to buy the world-wide toy and hobby business and certain other assets of Aurora Products Corporation, a subsidiary of Nabisco.

The proposed sale, terms of which have not been disclosed, depends on the approval of the boards of Nabisco Incorporated and Dunbee-Combex-Marx, as well as any necessary government consents. Marline Incorporated has sold 375,000 ordinary shares in Dunbee-Combex.

Bath and St Helens' both want £5m

Underwriting is going on for two £5m issues by the City of Bath and the Metropolitan Borough of St Helens. Both issues are 11¼ per cent redeemable stocks, 1985, priced at £98½. Lists open on Thursday. The stocks are payable as to £10 on application. A call of £40 becomes due on December 15 and the balance of £48½ will be due on January 19.

Allied Ldn tops good year with scrip

The 1.35m share stake in Peachey Property Corporation held by Allied London Properties, will be kept under review in the light of market conditions, group reports with its preliminary figures. Results for the year to August 31 show a rise in pre-tax profits of 16 per cent to £971,000. Turnover was £7.8m compared with £6.6m and earnings a share were 6.67p against 5.58p. The total dividend has risen from 3.76p gross to 4.20p, and the board proposes one-for-two scrip issue. Mr Morris Leigh, chairman, looks forward to another successful year.

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Capper-Neill

Half year results confirm overseas growth

Interim Statement

The Directors of Capper-Neill Limited announce that the profit for the first half of the current year to 31st March 1978 has exceeded that earned during the corresponding period of last year. This profit was a result of increased sales achieved by the expansion of the Group's activities.

The unaudited results for the first half of the financial year ending 31st March 1978 are as follows:—

	Six months ended 30th Sept. 1977 £000	Six months ended 30th Sept. 1976 £000	Year ended 31st Mar. 1977 £000
Turnover	30,501	21,251	50,524
Group Trading Profit	2,184	1,570	4,271
Interest payable	122	56	69
Group Profit before taxation	2,062	1,514	4,202
Taxation	1,127	820	2,231
Group Profit after taxation	935	694	1,971
Amount absorbed by dividends	243	216	436

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 1.0541p per share which, together with the associated tax credit is equivalent to approximately 1.5971p gross. This represents an effective increase of 10% on the Gross Dividend declared at the same time last year, which after adjusting for the subsequent scrip issue amounted to 1.452p. On the same basis the total gross dividends for the year ended 31st March 1977 amounted to 2.904p.

In addition, the balance of the Final Dividend for last year, which arises as a result of the change in the basic rate of Income Tax to 34% will be paid and will amount to 0.0145p per share.

Improved results for the first half of this year have been achieved due to much increased activity in overseas markets which are continuing to expand.

During this first half year however, the anticipated upsurge in United Kingdom economic activity failed to materialise and this led to a rather disappointing result in this area.

Present indications are that this may well continue for the remainder of the year.

Our major activity remains in site construction work throughout an increasing range of processes which cover a widening spread of industries and markets and growth is expected to continue.

Although the impact on profits of our much increased order book is unlikely to be effective before the year end, the Group performance for the full year to 31st March 1978 is expected to produce a profit somewhat in excess of the £4.2m profit figure which was achieved during the year ended 31st March 1977.

The Directors are therefore expecting to recommend a final dividend at the maximum rate permitted under current legislation.

Warrants incorporating both dividends will be posted on 4th January 1978 to shareholders registered at the close of business on the 25th November 1977.

7th November, 1977

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COMMODITIES AND MARKET REPORTS

Coffee pact sends prices up sharply in London

By Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Following news that Brazil and Colombia have agreed to co-ordinate coffee marketing procedures, spot November coffee opened £140 per tonne higher on the London market yesterday. At the close the November position was £94.50 up on the day at £1,867.50 and January had risen £110 to £1,792 per tonne.

Colombia and Brazil have agreed not to sell their coffees at price levels equal or inferior to those of other milds and robustas.

Señor Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC), said in Rio that there was a possibility that El Salvador, Mexico and the Ivory Coast would join in this price support agreement.

He said the agreement meant an end to differences of opinion on coffee prices between the two countries. Colombia had a tradition of not signing agreements but, when it did, it fulfilled them to the letter.

Brazil had no intention of altering its minimum export price of $3.20 per lb for the present, but he did not discount the possibility of an alteration if the international market so demanded.

Señor Calazans again denied that the IBC had made any special deals with importers and said it had no intention of doing so.

Coffee exports earned the country $2,500m this year by the end of October

COPPER: Cash wire bars lost £5.25 and three months was £4.50 lower. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £648-49.50 a metric ton; three months, £658-58.50. Sales, 1,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £635.50-36.50; three months, £647.50-48.00. Sales, 100 tons (all switches). Morning.—Cash wire bars £643-43.50; three months, £654.50-55.50. Settlement, £643.50. Sales, 3,850 tons. Cash cathodes, £633-33.50; three months, £644-44.50. Settlement, £633.50. Sales, 1,050 tons.
SILVER was steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 271.0p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 482.1); three months, 275.7p (491.4c); six months, 280.4p (501.1c); one year, 290.8p (520c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 271.0-72.0p; three months, 274.4-75.5p. Sales, 48 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, 272-72.5p; three months, 275.5-75.6p. Settlement, 272.5p. Sales, 14 lots.
TIN: Standard cash lost £100 and three months was £60 lower.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,950-60 a metric ton; three months, £6,750-60. Sales, 580 tons. High grade, cash £7,030-80; three months, £6,850-80. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,000-7,005; three months, £6,795-800. Settlement, £7,005. Sales, 560 tons. High grade, cash £7,110-10; three months, £6,885-6,910. Settlement, £7,140. Sales nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,848 a picul.
LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £340.75-50.25 a metric ton; three months, £356-56.50. Sales, 4,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £340.75-50.00; three months, £356.50-56.00. Settlement, £350. Sales, 1,000 tons.
ZINC was firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £281-286 a metric ton; three months, £290.50-91.00. Sales, 1,500 tons. Morning.—Cash, £282-82.25; three months, £284.50-86.75. Settlement, £282.25. Sales, 2,100 tons (mainly carries). All afternoon prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM was at £95.35 ($172) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo).—Dec, 52.65-53.75; Jan, 53-53.50; Jan-March, 53.55-53.60; April-June, 54.70-54.75; July-Sept, 56.30-56.40; Oct-Dec, 58.30-58.35; Jan-March, 60-60.20; April-June, 61.60-61.80; July-Sept, 63.35-63.40. Sales: 23 lots at 5 tonnes; 141 at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 52-53.50. Cifs, Dec, 51-51.40; Jan, 51.50-51.90.
COFFEE advanced.—Nov, £1,865-70 per metric ton; Jan, £1,790-94; March, £1,670-80; May, £1,570-80; July, £1,535-40; Sept, £1,505-30; Nov, £1,445-1,500. Sales: 5,268 lots including 37 options.
PALM OIL was steady.—Dec, unquoted; Jan, £241-34; Feb, £230-49; March, £241-43; April, £239-41; May, £238-42; June, £237-39; July, £237-40; Aug, £236.40.
COCOA was quietly steady.—Dec, £2,163-70 per metric ton; March, £2,043-44; May, £1,809-10; July, £1,740-60; Sept, £1,875-85; Dec, £1,830-50; March, £1,874-45. Sales: 1,367 lots. ICCO prices: daily, 166.35c; 15-day average, 168.17c; 22-day average, 166.43c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £92; the "whites" price was £1 lower at £103.50.—Dec, £97.90-97.95; March, £115.10-15.15; May, £118.80-18.90; Aug, £123.90-24.00; Oct, £128.50-29.00; Dec, £131.60-31.75; March, £135.75-36.00. Sales: 1,864 lots.
SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Dec, £107.90-10.00 per metric ton; Feb, £109.80-10.40; April, £111-11.50; June, £112.20-13.00; Aug, £112.50-14.50; Oct, £112.50-15.00; Dec, £113-15. Sales: 72 lots.
WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—Dec, 230-32; March, 237-40; May, 237-39; July, 237-39; Oct, 231-33; Dec, 230-35; March, 240-46; May, 241-48. Sales: 4 lots.
JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, $455 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, $416. Calcutta was quiet.—Indian, spot, Rs 560 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs 560.
GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Nov, £88.75 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Nov £79; Dec £79.50 transhipment east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Nov £89.25; Dec £90.50 east coast.
BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady. Nov, £70.80; Jan, £72.50; March £74.50; May £76.50; Sept £77.25. Sales, 46 lots. **WHEAT** was steady. Nov, £75.90; Jan £77.50; March £79.50; May £81.45; Sept £80.60. Sales, 101 lots.
Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Regional and United Kingdom average ex-farm spot prices for week-ending November 3.—Other milling WHEAT: S. East £87.40; S. West no price; Eastern £85.60; E. Midlands £84.80; W. Midlands £80.90; N. East £85.90; N. West £2.10; Scotland £84.60; N. Ireland no price. United Kingdom £85.30. Feed BARLEY: S. East £65.60; S. West £66; Eastern £65.90; E. Midlands £65.90; W. Midlands £65.70; N. East £65.90; N. West £65.80; Scotland £66.60; N. Ireland no price. United Kingdom £66.

Prices for Nov 7.—

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
East Suffolk	—	£68.10	£65.90
N E. Scotland	—	—	£66.90

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week-ending Nov 5.—GB: Cattle, 55.40p per kg lw (+0.36). UK: Sheep, 125.0p per kg est dcw (+2.9). GB: Pigs, 59.5p per kg lw (+1.2). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 3.3 per cent, average price 56.66p (−0.34). Sheep numbers up 10.0 per cent, average price 126.5p (+3.3). Pig numbers down 7.4 per cent, average price 59.5p (+1.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 11.3 per cent, average price 56.76p (+0.28). Sheep numbers down 1.1 per cent, average price 114.9p (+2.2). Pig numbers up 1.9 per cent, average price 59.3p (unchanged).

Prices on Nov 7.—GB: Cattle 56.18p per kg lw (+0.13). UK: Sheep 125.1p per kg est dcw (+0.4). GB: Pigs 59.8p per kg lw (+0.9). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 15.9 per cent, average price 56.04p (+0.25). Sheep numbers up 22.8 per cent, average price 125.8p (−0.1). Pig numbers up 1.9 per cent, average price 59.8p (+0.9). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 19.5 per cent average price 57.10p (−0.89). Sheep numbers down 1.9 per cent, average price 124.5p (+1.6). Pig numbers down 24.5 per cent, average price 59.3p (+0.8).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Agric Mort Var Rate 1982 (£100)	£99¾
Avaron Inc	£10⅛-¼
Brit Land 12½ 1st Db 1997 (£100)	£108
Do 12½ Unt Ln 2002 (£100)	£105
BP RLA's (845p)	363+3
Exchequer 10½% 1997 (£96d)	£27 prem
Fulham 12½% 1983-84 (£99½d)	£32¾
Do 12½% 1986-87 (£99d)	£34¼
Nth Crofty 10p Ord (50p)	70+1
Southwark 11¼% Bd 1984-85 (£99⅞d)	£47½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Advest (22p)	Dec 14	21 prem
Allied Irish Bank (114)	..	11 prem+1
Anne TV 'A' (90)	Dec 16	8 prem+3
Cons Gold Fields (185)	..	30 prem
Kwik Save Disc (210)	..	25 prem
Newman Ind (47)	Dec 30	15 prem+1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 paid. c £15 paid. d £30 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £5 paid. h £50 paid. i £45 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling lost all its early rise against the dollar yesterday as the US currency staged a general recovery on foreign exchanges in the afternoon. Trading was extremely low-key throughout, largely reflecting the New York holidays today (Election Day) and on Friday (Veterans' Day).

Sterling jumped around three-quarters of a cent in terms of the dollar initially, but slipped back gradually to close at $1.8030, a net loss of 20 points. The effective exchange rate index was finally up 0.1 at 63.4, having been 63.5 at midday and 63.6 at the opening. Dealers said there was no intervention by the Bank of England during the day.

Swiss francs climbed from 2.2210 to 2.2130 initially against the dollar, but they too ended slightly cheaper to New York at 2.2235. German marks eased from 2.2560 to 2.2610. The Japanese yen firmed from 248.90 to 248.75 in dollar terms.

Gold gained $0.75 an ounce to close in London at $166.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 7	Market rates (close) November 7
New York	$1.8030-8125	$1.8025-8035
Montreal	$1.9980-2.0075	$1.9990-2.0000
Amsterdam	4.38-42fl	4.39-40fl
Brussels	63.70-64.00f	63.72-82f
Copenhagen	11.01½-09½k	11.01½-02½k
Frankfurt	4.07-10m	[illegible]
Lisbon	73.00-80e	73.20-40e
Madrid	149.75-85p	150.0-05p
Milan	158.0½-85½lr	9.88-90lr
Oslo	9.89½-92½k	[illegible]
Paris	8.78½-77½f	8.68½-71f
Stockholm	8.69½-71k	8.66½-67½k
Tokyo	445-55y	447½-48½y
Vienna	28.85-20sch	28.97-47sch
Zurich	3.99½-4.03f	4.00½-01½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was up 0.1 at 63.4.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.35-.45c disc	.80-.90c disc
Montreal	.45-.55c disc	1.03-1.13c disc
Amsterdam	½c prem-½c disc	1¼-½c prem
Brussels	5-15c disc	15-35c disc
Copenhagen	6¼-8¾ore disc	23½-25½ore disc
Frankfurt	⅝pf prem-⅛pf disc	2-1pf prem
Lisbon	80-200c disc	320-590c disc
Madrid	150-350c disc	500-800c disc
Milan	8-14lr disc	26-33lr disc
Oslo	3½-4½ore disc	8-9ore disc
Paris	4-5c disc	12½-13½c disc
Stockholm	5½-7½ore disc	13½-15½ore disc
Vienna	10-25gro disc	50-70gro disc
Zurich	1½-½c prem	3¾-2¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollars), $0.9020-23.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-6½; seven days, 6⅝-6¾; one month, 7-7⅛; three months, 7¼-7⅜; six months, 7½-7⅝.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $166.5 (an ounce); pm, $166.4.
Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $170½-172½ (£94½-95½); resident, $170½-172½ (£94½-95½).
Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $48-50 (£26½-27½); resident, $48-50 (£26½-27½).

More for producers

Accra, Nov 7.—General Acheampong, Ghana's head of state, said the producer price of cocoa would be raised to 40 cedis per 30 kilos from 30 and that of coffee to 45 cedis from 35. Both increases are effective from the start of the current main crop season on October 14.

Discount market

A degree of shortage returned to the money markets yesterday after the surpluses of the past week. Conditions were pretty quiet and the Bank of England gave help on a moderate scale by purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses in need.

This assistance proved a little more than was really needed and rates that had held in the area of 4 per cent for most of the day, touching 3¾ per cent and 4¼ per cent just occasionally, eventually slipped away to close in the band of 3 per cent to 3½ per cent.

Factors against the market were principally rundown balances brought across the weekend by the banks and a Treasury bill take-up that proved quite large. This combination was only partially offset by Exchequer disbursements that exceeded the tax intake.

Bill dealers spoke of rather less activity in Treasury bills, where the rate for the three-month maturity softened just 1/64 to 4 31/64-29/64 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 5%
(Last changed 14/10/77)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 4½ Low 3½
Week Fixed: 3½-4

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	4½	2 months	4⅝
3 months	4½	3 months	4[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	4[illegible]	3 months	5½
3 months	4[illegible]	4 months	5½
4 months	5-4½	6 months	6½
6 months	5½-6		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	5½-5¼	7 months	5¾-6½
2 months	5½-5¼	8 months	5¾-6½
3 months	5½-5¼	9 months	7-6½
4 months	5¾-5½	10 months	7-6½
5 months	5¾-5	11 months	7-6½
6 months	5¾-6	12 months	7-6½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	4[illegible]	6 months	5¾-5⅝
3 months	4[illegible]	12 months	6[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	3½	3 months	4½
7 days	3½	6 months	5½
1 month	4½	1 year	6½

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 4-3½ Close 4

1 week	4[illegible]	6 months	5[illegible]
1 month	4[illegible]	9 months	6[illegible]
3 months	4[illegible]	12 months	7¼-7

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 5½ 6 months 6½

Finance House Base Rate 6%

Rubber pact likely

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 7.—Rubber is likely to be among the first commodities for an international agreement between producers and consumers under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development integrated programme for commodities, Mr Paul Leong, Malaysian Deputy Primary Industries Minister, said. Good progress had been made in the preparatory talks for such an arrangement.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 7.—New York stock prices closed sharply higher today—their third straight gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 6.50 points to 816.44. It jumped 7.27 points on Friday and 1.82 on Thursday.

Some 1,055 issues gained, against about 385 decliners.

Volume totalled 21.27 million shares, down from 21.7 million on Friday.

	Nov 7	Nov 4
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	24	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	42
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Airlines	[illegible]	9
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	24	24
Am Home	27	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	4
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	30	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atco	14	[illegible]
Avon Products	45	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	36
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	23
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	20
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	43	[illegible]
Central Soya	12	[illegible]
Charter NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem Bank NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Service	[illegible]	48
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Combustion Eng	[illegible]	38
Comwlth Edison	28	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	23
Continental Grp	32	[illegible]
Continental Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intnl	48	[illegible]
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	36
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	115	113½
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	52	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	38
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Nat Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Nov 7	Nov 4
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	51	50
Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tel Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	4	[illegible]
Georgia Pacific	27	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	20
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atlic & Pacific	8	8
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf & West	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
IC Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	37	[illegible]
IBM	262	263
Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	17
Int Paper	42	[illegible]
Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns-Manville	31	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	22
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	48
Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liggett Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	21	[illegible]
Mead	19	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan J. P.	44	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Industries	17	[illegible]
Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk West	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp	[illegible]	17
Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan Am	5	[illegible]
Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pet Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Nov 7	Nov 4
Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	40	40
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Rly	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil California	38	[illegible]
Std Oil Indiana	[illegible]	48
Std Oil Ohio	74	74
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Corp	20	20
Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	27	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	78	78
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
TWA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	31	30
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL Inc	17	[illegible]
Unilever Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever NV	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil Calif	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Merch & Man	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westinghse Elec	[illegible]	17
Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	54
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	[illegible]	21
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	26	[illegible]
Hawker Sid Can	5.10	5.30
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Oil	43	43
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Pipe	15	15
Mass-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	18
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Talcorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	11	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
WCT	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8035 (1.8065); three months, 1.7960 (1.7982). Canadian dollar, 90.17 (90.18).
The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 3.31 at 376.08. The futures index was up 3.30 at 316.55.
The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 816.44 (809.94); transportation, 206.06 (204.37); utilities, 108.38 (107.79); 65 stocks, 279.17 (277.06). New York Stock Exchange index, 50.67 (50.37); industrials, 54.51 (53.86); transportation, 38.33 (37.66); utilities, 39.88 (39.36); financial, 52.37 (52.05).

Gold loses $2.50

New York, Nov 7.—**GOLD** futures closed up to $2.40 lower on the New York Commodity Exchange and up to $2.50 lower on the International Monetary Market. NY COMEX: Nov, $165.50; Dec, $166.20; Jan, $167.50; Feb, $168.40; April, $170.60; June, $172.80; Aug, $175.10; Oct, $177.40; Dec, $179.70; Feb, $182.00; April, $184.30; June, $186.80; Aug, $189.30. CHICAGO IMM: Dec, $166.30-166.40; March, $169.60-169.00; June, $172.80-173.30; Sept, $176.60; Dec, $180.40; March, $183.90.
SILVER fell back under additional selling pressure in the latter part of the session, with futures around the day's lows showing final losses ranging from 4.00 to 5.30 cents. Nov, 480.70c; Dec, 492.00c; Jan, 494.10c; March, 500.90c; May, 506.90c; July, 512.00c; Sept, 519.20c; Dec, 528.40c; Jan, 531.30c; March, 537.60c; May, 543.80c; July, 550.00c; Sept, 556.20c. Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.437 ($5.453).
COPPER closed easier. Nov, 53.70c; Dec, 54.00c; Jan, 54.40c; March, 55.30c; May, 56.30c; July, 57.30c; Sept, 58.20c; Dec, 59.30c; Jan, 59.60c; March, 60.80c; May, 61.70c; July, 62.60c; Sept, 63.80c.
SUGAR futures held down around the lows for the day to finish barely steady. Jan, 7.90c; March, 8.22c; May, 8.73c; July, 9.13c; Sept, 9.40c; Oct, 9.57c; March, 10.06c.
COCOA prices closed a dull session little changed for the day. Volume was light. Dec, 179.75c; March, 155.15c; May, 139.30c; July, 131.50c; Sept, 127.20c; Dec, 120.60c; March, 118.90c.
COFFEE prices closed as much as six cents higher on continued commission house buying triggered by the Brazil-Colombia marketing agreement announced on Friday. Dec, 195.30c; March, 155.50c; May, 148.00c; July, 140.00c; Sept, 140.75c; Dec, 136.00c; March, 131.00c.
COTTON futures retreated from the day's best gains of as much as 0.15 cent over Friday, to close 0.05 cent to 0.30 cent lb up. Dec, 50.70c; March, 51.70c; May, 52.30c; July, 53.50c; Oct, 54.10c; Dec, 54.65c; March, 55.10-50c.
CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabeans futures continued to strengthen, registering gains of 11 to 15¼ cents a bushel at the close. **SOYABEANS:** Nov, 594-95c; Jan, 602-600c; March, 609-08c; May, 616-16¼c; July, 623c; Aug, 622c; Sept, 606½-05½c; Nov, 602-02½c. **SOYABEAN OIL:** Dec, 19.05-19.00c; Jan, 19.05-19.00c; March, 19.18-20c; May, 19.35c; July, 19.50-45c; Aug, 19.50c; Sept, 19.40c; Oct, 19.40-35c; Dec, 19.50c. **SOYABEAN MEAL:** Dec, $167.50-8.00; Jan, $169.50-170.00; March, $173.50-3.00; May, $175.70-5.20; July, $178.00-7.00; Aug, $178.50; Sept, $176.00-5.50; Oct, $175.50-6.50; Dec, $174.50-5.50.
CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures finished the session near the day's highs with gains of 2½ to 3½ cents a bushel, with favourable export prospects and the talk of the possibility of more Soviet grain purchases providing a supporting influence. prices rose on speculative buying stimulated by the strength of soyabean and maize futures. **WHEAT:** Dec, 268¾-69c; March, 279-79½c; May, 285½c; July, 288½-¼c; Sept, 294c; Dec, 305c. **MAIZE:** Dec, 220-20¼c; March, 229-28¾c; May, 235½-¼c; July, 235½-36c; Sept, 235½c; Dec, 234½-35c. **OATS:** Dec, 132½c; March, 136½c; May, 137c; July, 136c; Sept, 136½c.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 2,075 to 632,150; tin down 80 to 3,320; lead down 325 to 62,500; zinc down 1,325 to 63,075; silver up 380,000 troy ounces to 19,410,000

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43	27	Airsprung Ord	43	—	4.2	9.8	8.0
149	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	149	—	18.4	12.4	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	37	—	3.3	8.9	15.7
142	105	Bardon Hill	139	—	12.0	8.6	9.5
93	48	Deborah Ord	92xc	—	5.1	5.5	7.4
197	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	192	—	17.5	9.1	—
144	120	Frederick Parker	141	—	11.5	8.1	6.8
118	45	Henry Sykes	106	—	2.4	2.2	10.1
58	36	Jackson Group	52	—	5.0	9.6	6.1
114	55	James Burrough	111	—	6.0	5.4	10.1
340	188	Robert Jenkins	330	—	27.0	8.1	5.5
24	8	Twinlock Ord	14	—	—	—	—
77	57	Twinlock 12% ULS	72	—	12.0	16.6	—
65	51	Unilock Holdings	62	—	7.0	11.2	7.7
86	65	Walter Alexander	86	—	6.4	7.4	6.3

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US $ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Australia 8½ 1983	[illegible]	100½
Avco 9½ 1985	100½	101½
Bell Canada 8¾ 1987	97½	98½
BC Hydro 7½ 1983	95	[illegible]
Bowater 9½ 1992	[illegible]	100
British Gas 9 1981	101½	102½
CECA 7½ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
CNA 8¼ 1986	97½	[illegible]
Denmark 8½ 1984	[illegible]	100½
DSM 8½ 1987	97½	[illegible]
Elf Aquitaine 8¼ 1986	97½	[illegible]
EMI 9½ 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
EIB 8 1984	[illegible]	[illegible]
EEC 7½ 1979	99	[illegible]
EEC 7½ 1984	[illegible]	97½
Esso (March) 8 1986	100	100½
Gulf & Western 8½ 1984	97½	[illegible]
Hammersley 8½ 1984	100½	101½
ICI 8½ 1987	98	[illegible]
Macmillan Bloedel 9 1992	[illegible]	100½
Midland Int Fin 8½ 1986	[illegible]	100
Nordic Invest Bank 7½ 1984	[illegible]	97½
Nat West 9 1986	100½	101½
New Zealand DFC 7½ 1984	[illegible]	97
New Zealand 8½ 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	[illegible]	100½
Norpipe 8½ 1989	97	[illegible]
Norges Komm 8½ 1992	97½	98
Occidental 8½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental 9½ 1981	102½	103½
Offshore Mining 8½ 1985	97½	[illegible]
Ontario Hydro 8 1987	97	[illegible]
Quebec Hydro 8½ 1986	97½	98
Reed 9 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
SAAB 8½ 1989	96	[illegible]
Sandvik 8½ 1986	100	100½
SKF 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
S of Scotland 8½ 1981	[illegible]	100½
Statsforetag 7½ 1982	97	97½
Sundsvalls 8½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7½ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Venezuela 8 1984	[illegible]	97½
Volvo (March) 8 1987	unchanged	
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Credit Lyonnais 6 1983	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom 8½ 1982	[illegible]	97
GZB 6 1983	[illegible]	99
IBJ 6 1982	98	98
UBAF 6½ 1982	97½	98½
Williams & Glyn 6½ 1984	99½	99½

CANADIAN DOLLARS	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1982	99½	100½
BMRT 9½ 1982	98	[illegible]
Ford 8½ 1984	[illegible]	99
MFA British Col 9 1997	99½	100
Bank 9½ 1982	100½	101
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	100	100½
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6½ 1.7.1984	100	100½
ICI 6½ 1.8.1987	99½	100½
New Zealand 6½ 1.5.1984	101	101½
Pyhrn 6½ 1.9.1989	100½	100½
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.1987	99½	100
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4½ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	71½	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 6½ 1991	107½	109½
Beecham 6½ 1992	96	97
Borden 6½ 1991	107½	109½
Carnation 4 1988	79½	81½
Chevron 5 1988	117	119
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	85	87
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 5 1988	[illegible]	84
Ford 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Electric 4½ 1987	79½	81½
Gillette 4½ 1987	75½	77½
Gould 5 1987	112	114
Gulf & Western 5 1988	75	77
Honeywell 6 1986	[illegible]	91
ICI 6½ 1992	87½	89½
INA 6 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inchcape 6½ 1992	99½	100½
ITT 4½ 1987	81	83
J Ray McDermott 4½ 1987	136	138
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	106½	108½
J P Morgan 4½ 1987	[illegible]	99
Nabisco 5½ 1988	97	99
J C Penney 4½ 1987	74½	76½
Revlon 4½ 1987	106	108
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82½	84½
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	91	93
Squibb 4½ 1987	76½	78½
Sumitomo Elect 6 1992	99½	100½
Texaco 4½ 1988	80½	82½
UBS 4½ 1987	116½	118
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	90½	[illegible]
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	78	80
Xerox Corp 5 1988	80	82

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities Limited.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1976/77 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
34.1	18.6	Abbey Capital	31.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
43.3	[illegible]	Abbey General	43.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
40.3	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
34.2	[illegible]	Do Invest	32.1	34.1	4.16
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Alben Trust (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Inc (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do 1st	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Ind 2nd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth & Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec & Ind Dev	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Met Min & Cmdty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hambro Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Smaller	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	2nd Smaller	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Secs of America	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Overseas Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Smaller	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The remainder of the Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds listings (unit trust, insurance bond and offshore fund prices) is [illegible].

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BBC 1

12.45 pm, News. 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45, How Do You Do! 2.00-2.14, You and Me. 3.20, Pobol y Cwm. 3.55, Play School. 4.20, Astronut. 4.25, Jackanory. 4.40, Big John, Little John. 5.00, John Craven. 5.05, Horses Galore. 5.35, Noah and Nelly.

5.40 News. 5.55, Nationwide.
6.40 The Osmonds.
7.10 The Oregon Trail.
8.00 It Ain't Half Hot Mum.
8.30 Mastermind.
9.00 News.
9.25 Play: Oy Vay Maria, by Mary O'Malley.
10.35 Tonight. Vietnam today: Saigon.
11.15 Bellamy's Europe: Duge City.
11.45 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—3.20-3.55 pm, Transmitters [illegible] closedown. 5.05-5.35, [illegible] Galore. 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. 6.40, Heddiw. 7.10, Pobol y Cwm. 7.40, Tom and Jerry. 7.45-[illegible] 30, The Oregon Trail. SCOTLAND.—3.20-3.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 5.55-6.20, Reporting Scotland. 11.15, Ballad Full. [illegible] News. NORTHERN IRELAND.—3.20-3.53 pm, Transmitters closedown. 3.53-3.55, Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20, Scene Around Six. 6.40-7.10, [illegible] [illegible]. ENGLAND.—6.40-7.10 pm, [illegible] Question, S Midlands: Ricky [illegible] and the Icebergs. North: Sir [illegible] South: Steps Out. North East: Looks [illegible]. North West: We'll Call [illegible]. South: The Saving of Chiches[ter]. Sur [illegible]. South West: South [illegible]. West: Day Out.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 2.30 pm, Trade Union Studies. 3.00, Looking at Documentary. 3.30, Politics Now—the Loneliest Job. 3.55-4.35, Open Door: North Devon Farm Workers present An Everyday Story. . . .

6.30 Women at War.
7.00 News headlines.
7.05 Tele-France.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Floodlit Rugby: Wakefield v Hull Kingston Rovers.
9.00 The Goodies.
9.30 The Water Margin.
10.15 Summer of '77: Prize of a Lifetime . . . for young gymnasts.
11.05 News.
11.15 The Old Grey Whistle Test: The Tubes, Gary Boyle Band.
11.55-12.00, Ronald Pickup reads "Autumn", by Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

Thames

11.55 am, Felix the Cat. 12.00, Issi Noho (r). 12.10 pm, Stepping Stones. 12.30, The Inventors. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, The Stars Look Down (r). 3.20, Looks Familiar. 3.50, The Sullivans. 4.20, Sooty. 4.45, Magpie. 5.15, Sportscene. 5.45, News. 6.00, Thames at 6.

6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Get Some In (r).
7.30 Oh No, It's Selwyn Froggitt.
8.00 Charlie's Angels.
9.00 Hard Times.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Price of Power, documentary.
11.45 Problems.
12.15 am, John Byron reads poems by R. S. Thomas.

(r) Repeat.

ATV

11.55 am, Dodo. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mediterranean Venture. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 11.45-12.45 am, Executive Suite.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Out of Town. 5.45, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Thames. 11.45, Baretta. 12.40 am, Border News.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Lassie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Thames. 11.25, Ulster News Headlines. 11.45, ATV.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm 7.00, Thames. 11.45-12.45 am, Police Woman.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20 [illegible] [illegible] 3.50, Thames. 4.20, [illegible] 4.45, Magpie. 5.15, Star [illegible] 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. [illegible] 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Thames. 11.45-12.40 am, Westside Medical.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Rush. 12.35 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. [illegible] Get Some In. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.05, Out [illegible] 6.35, ATV. 7.00, [illegible] Connector. 7.30, Thames. 11.45, HTV. 12.40 am, Reflections.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Beagans. 1.20, News. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Southern [illegible] Scotland Today. 6.30, What's Your Problem? 7.00, ATV. 7.30, [illegible] 8.00, Thingummyjig. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.20 am, Love American Style.

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12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Brooktime. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, Granada. 7.05, Happy Days. 7.35, McMillan. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.40 am, ATV. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.30-4.45, Wafbethma? 6.00-6.18, Y Dydd. 7.05-7.35, Countryside. 10.30, Gair ar Gerdd. 11.15, World in Action. 11.45-12.15 am, International Darts. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, Report West.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. [illegible] ATV. 7.00, Bill Harris. 7.30, Thames. 11.45, The Prisoner (r). [illegible] am, Christians in Action.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, University Challenge. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt 7.30, Thames. 11.45, Pub Entertainer of the Year. 12.45 am, The Sound of Laughter. 12.40, Faith for Life.

Channel

1.12 pm, Channel News. 1.30, [illegible] 5.15, University Challenge. [illegible] News. 6.00, Report at Six. [illegible] ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. [illegible] Thames. 11.30, Pub Entertainer of the Year. 11.55, News.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Paul Burnett. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, DLT. 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.30, Robin Richmond.† 8.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.02, Local Radio Tenth Birthday Show.† 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05-12.30 am, Ruth Cubbin.

† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray† (10.30, Waggoner's Walk). 11.30, Brian Matthew.† 1.50 pm, Sports Desk. 2.02, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 9.02, Boxing: Finnegan v Minter. 10.30, Hubert Gregg. 11.30-12.30 am, Ruth Cubbin.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Vivaldi, Handel, Corelli.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Weber, Brahms, Schubert.† 9.00, News. 9.05, C. P. E. Bach.† 9.50, Academy of the BBC: Beethoven, Faure, Haydn.† 10.55, Harrogate Festival Piano Recital: Beethoven, Schumann, Granados.† 12.15 pm, Cardiff Concert, part 1: Copland, Mozart. 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide: Bulletin. 1.20, Cardiff, part 2: Berwald, Poulenc. 2.05, Purcell.† 2.15, Composer's Portrait: Sebastian Forbes.† 3.15, A Little Light Music.† 4.15, Piano Recital: Clementi, Mendelssohn.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Nation at Work. 7.00, Reading after Ten. 7.30, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, part 1: Britten, Mozart.† 8.15, Naples, the Forgotten City: Talk by Georgina Masson. 8.35, Concert, part 2: Brahms.† 9.25, A Temple for the Merchant Princes: Stephen Bayley on Liverpool's St George's Hall. 9.40, Krenek, Zemlinsky, Wellesz.† 10.45, Piano Recital: Haydn and Beethoven.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Trees and Shrubs. 10.00, News. 10.05, Happiness is. . . . 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story 11.00, News. 11.05, Galbraith and the Midas Touch. 11.35, Profile. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Freedom Farewell. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: Still She Wished for Company. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, News Quiz. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Time for Verse. 7.30, Radio 3. 9.30, Today in Synod. 9.35, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, A Good Read. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshire Forecast.

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ALDERSON.—On November 5th, in Brighton, to Catherine and Christopher—a son (James Henry).

BANNER.—On November 4th, at St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping, to Greta and John—a daughter (Zoe), a sister for Rupert.

CAZENOVE.—On 7th November at the Westminster Hospital to Carolyn and Michael, a son.

DUMAS.—On 3rd November, at Hannover, to Sally and Tim—a second daughter (Amy).

FORMOY.—On November 4th, 1977, to Ros (nee Howell) and Don—a son (Lawrence Vaughan).

FURZE.—On 6th November in Inverness to Chloe (nee Rutherford) and Rupert, a son Giles Edmund, a brother for Nicholas.

GOLDSMITH.—On November 5, at Salisbury, to Robin and Fonella—a son (Jeremy).

HEATHCOAT AMORY.—On November 4th, at the Westminster Hospital, to Arabella and Michael—a daughter.

HUGHES.—On Nov. 5, at West London Hospital, to Barbara (nee Nash) and Michael—twin boys (Anthony and Christopher).

JENKINS.—On Nov 6th, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Pamela and David—a son.

ROGERS.—On 1st November, in Hongkong, to Barbara (nee Zimmerman) and Anthony—a son (Charles Anthony), a brother for Nicola and Philippa.

BIRTHS

SNEYD.—On November 5th, 1977, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Mary (nee Carr) and Tom—a daughter (Rosalie Anne), a sister for William and Katharine.

WATERS.—On 5th November, to Patricia (née McCaw) and John in Caracas, Venezuela, the precious gift of a son James Weston a brother for Nichola.

BIRTHDAYS

GABI—Happy 18th Birthday love parents Nick, Cathy.

DEATHS

ARTHUR.—On 5th Nov., peacefully, in hospital, after a short illness, Jessie Matilda, widow of Benjamin George Arthur, C.B.E., and mother to Ian and Alan. Funeral on Thursday, 10th Nov. at 10.45 a.m., at All Saints', Western Green, Thames Ditton, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to F. W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Tel. Esher 64021.

BROOKS.—On November 6th, peacefully, at home, Ernest Frank aged 75, dearly loved father of Richard and grandfather of David and Susan. Cremation at Canford Crematorium, Bristol, Thursday, November 10th, 2 pm.

BRYANS, William Buchanan, on Friday, 4th November, 1977, at Ashley Lodge Nursing Home, dearly loved husband of Constance. Cremation private. Funeral Service at Boldre Parish Church near Lymington, 12.30 p.m., Friday, 11th November. Flowers may be sent to S. W. House and Son, Lymington. (Telephone 73142).

CARDIFF.—On Nov. 6th, peacefully, sleeping, at Arnscote House, the Hon. Stella Maria Glyn, dearly loved mother of David. Funeral at All Saints' Church, Harington, Warks., on Thursday, Nov. 10th, at 3.30 p.m.

COLEMAN.—On 5th November, 1977, at Southport, Charles Jack Coleman, O.B.E., T.D., O.B., 75 Ryder Crescent, Southport, aged 57 years. Beloved husband of Joan and the dearly loved father of Veronica, Roderick, Julian and Mark. Service at St. James's Church, Birkdale, on Thursday, November 10th, at 1.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by request please, but donations, if desired, may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Seddons, 55 Sefton St., Southport (cheques to Seddon's Donations Account please). Inquiries to Seddons, telephone (0704) 36383.

COZENS.—On November 5th, suddenly, Arthur Donald, Laxton Meadow, Prestbury, Cheltenham. Cremation private. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Prestbury, Cheltenham, on Friday, November 11th, at 11 a.m. No flowers, please.

CRAXTON.—On November 5th, 1977, peacefully at 14 Kidderpore Avenue, N.W.3, Essie May, aged 87, beloved wife of the late Harold Craxton, O.B.E. Funeral Service at St. Lukes Church, Kidderpore Avenue, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th November followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Musicians Benevolent Fund.

DAUBENY.—On 4th November, Eugenie, of 49 Hill St., London W.1, widow of the late A. C. Daubeny of Somerset, after a long illness, peacefully at her home, mother of Elizabeth (Biddy) Clarkson. Funeral private. Memorial service at Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St., London, at 11.30 a.m., on 24th November. All enquiries and flowers to Kenyons Ltd., 01-723 3277.

DRAIN.—On November 6th, 1977, Dorothy Florence, aged 7?, of Homestead Road, Chelsfield, widow of Arthur Edward (Claude) Drain. Dearest mother of Joan, Gwen and Margaret. Memorial service at St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield, on Friday, November 11th, at 11 a.m. Please, no letters or flowers, but if desired, donations may be sent to St Christopher's Hospice, 51-53 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, London, S.E.26.

EARLE.—On 6th November, 1977, Raymond Isham Peterson, Lt.-Col. Royal Tank Regiment (rtd.), C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., of Wyards, Studland, Dorset, aged 78 years, very precious husband of Patricia and father to Rosemary and Sylvia. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Studland, on Wednesday, 9th November, 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

GARRISH.—On November 6th, 1977, Oswald Garrish, D.C.M., husband of Elizabeth (Mollie) of 2 Pludda Cottages, Bovey Tracey, S. Devon. Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Bovey Tracey, Thursday, 10th November at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Jubilee Appeal Fund for Medical Equipment for the Bovey Tracey Health Centre, c/o The Treasurer, The Conservative Club, Bovey Tracey, would be appreciated.

GORDON.—On November 4, suddenly, William Ernest, of Woolidings, Wootton Rivers, beloved husband of Mabel and dear father of Peter and Andrew. Funeral at All Hallows, Whitchurch, Hants. All inquiries to Steele, Undertaker, Winchester 4695.

HARTY.—On 19th October, 1977, after a short illness in the Nuttall Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica, Major-General Arthur Henry Harty, O.B., C.I.E., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., I.M.S. (Retd.), aged 87 years. Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral has already taken place on 25th October at St. Andrew's Parish.

HERBERT, KATHLEEN BRIDGET, widow of A. U. P. (Peter) Herbert, The Life Guards, on 1st November at Regent Park Nursing Home, after a long illness. Cremation took place at Golders Green Crematorium on 4th November.

HILL.—On November 5, 1977, peacefully after a short illness, Barbara, widow of Lionel and mother of Anne and Michael, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Wednesday, November 9th, at 2.30 p.m., in St. John's Church, Forfar, followed by private cremation. Cut flowers only please.

KELLY.—On November 4th, at home, peacefully, Morgan John Philip, in his 85th year, most beloved husband of Florence Dorothy (nee Epps) and a dear father, grandfather and great grandfather. Requiem at St. John the Baptist Church, Purley, 12 a.m., Friday November 11th, followed by burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Chelsham. Flowers may be sent to the church, R.I.P.

DEATHS

HOSGOOD.—On November 6th in the Hythe Nursing Home, after very much suffering, borne with her usual indomitable spirit, Sheila (Topsy), much loved wife of John Charles (Hos) and mother of the late Michael, formerly of Roehampton, London, S.W.15, and some time resident in Singapore, Java, Manila and Sydney NSW. Funeral service at St Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, on Thursday, November 10th, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Hawkinge. Flowers to 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, or if preferred donations to Cancer Research Campaign, Hythe Committee, c/o Mr J. Fakley, 139C High Street, Hythe.

LITTMANN.—Suddenly on Friday November 4th, 1977, Dr Rudolf, formerly of 58 Traps Lane, New Malden, Surrey. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, Putney, on Friday, November 11th, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Funeral Services, 89 High Street, New Malden, Surrey, or donations if desired to a charity of personal choice.

MARSDEN.—On 5th Nov., at Springhill, St. Mary Bourne, after a long illness, Joanna, aged 38, beloved wife of Lt.-Col. Alan Marsden, Royal Artillery, and devoted mother of Julie, Vanessa and Fiona. Funeral at St. Peters Church, St. Mary Bourne, on Thurs., 10th Nov., at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the Andover Funeral Home, Church Close, Andover.

PERRY.—On November 6 at his home, Summertrees, Kelsall, Douglas dear husband of Helen. After private cremation a service of thanksgiving will be held at Delamere Church on Thursday, November 10 at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. If so wished, donations may be given to St. Peter's Church, Delamere.

RHODES.—On November 5th in Milton Regis Hospital in his 90th year, Captain Leslie Alfred Rhodes of Minster in Sheppey, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Late harbour master and one time mayor of Lowestoft. *No flowers but donations to Missions to Seamen, Lowestoft.*

SASSOON.—On 7th November, 1977, at Monaco Hospital, Major Arthur Meyer Sassoon, OBE, MC, aged 88. Father of Beatrice, Cynthia and Hugh.

SAUNDERS.—On Sunday, 6th Nov., 1977, Ethel Grace, peacefully at 29 Thurlby Croft, Mulberry Close, Hendon, N.W.4, dearly loved wife of the late Henry Arthur Waldron Saunders, and mother of the late Gordon Waldron Saunders and the late John Windram Saunders; an inspiration to all her devoted family. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, 10th Nov., at 1 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Donne and Co., 39 Brent Street, Hendon, N.W.4.

SQUIRE.—On November 3, 1977, Francis Squire, O.B.E., after a short illness at the age of 73.

STAFF, EDGAR STANLEY.—On 7th November, 1977, suddenly, at his home, beloved husband of Grace, beloved father of Michael and Ann, Brenda and Jim, Grampy of Roger, Kevin, John, Mary, Ngaire and Helen. No flowers, by request; donations if desired to St. Mary's Restoration Fund, Churchfield, Winterbourne Gunner, Salisbury.

TAKACS.—On 31st October, Renée, beloved mother of Eva and Erika.

VAUGHAN.—On 4th November, 1977, Keith, painter, peacefully at his home. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 11th.

WACE.—On Nov. 5th, Ernest William Cornish Wace, C.S.I., C.I.E., of South Harting, near Petersfield, Hants. Private Cremation to be followed by a thanksgiving service at Harting Parish Church, at 12 noon on *Wednesday*, Nov. 9th. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to the Felsted School Mission, c/o The Secretary, A. T. Ridley, 31 Fowley Road, Claygate, Surrey.

WEBSTER.—On November 7th, peacefully at East Grinstead, Cecily Howard Wilkins, aged 90, beloved mother and grandmother. Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Wednesday, November 9th, at 4.15 p.m. Flowers to Brinkhurst, 170 London Road, East Grinstead.

WHISTON.—On November 4th, 1977, suddenly at home, Gerald Edward, of Wayside, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent, beloved husband of the late Elsie Whiston, much loved father of Brenda and father-in-law of Peter, dear granddad of Martin, Julian and Sarah. Funeral service at Saltwood Parish Church, on Friday, November 11th, at 2.30 p.m.

YOUNG.—Father Michael Young, O.S.B., of Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, on Friday, 4th November, aged 75. Ordained in Rome 1928. Prior of Douai 1941-45. Funeral Douai Abbey, Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 3 p.m.

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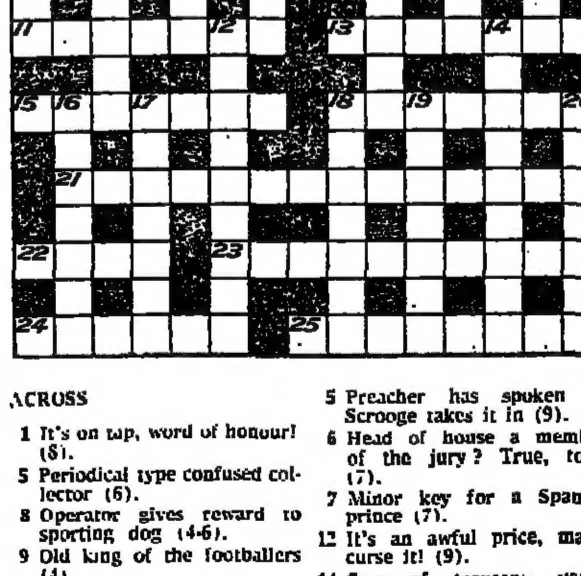


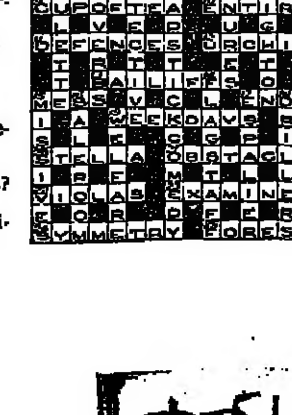
ACROSS

1 It's on tap, word of honour! (8).
5 Periodical type confused collector (6).
8 Operator gives reward to sporting dog (4-6).
9 Old king of the footballers (4).
10 What can be the matter? Noble toper drinking heavily (5-6, 3).
11 Vicar, can that be you? Come again? (7).
13 A part, in one word, like the following (7).
15 Birds in force seem to show that "pigs" *can* fly! (7).
18 Escort vessel comes to grief at rough crossing (7).
21 Men of letters, our roving reporters (14).
22 Bird appears to move aimlessly around (4).
23 *Not 10's way of keeping dry!* (10).
24 The Tree girl. Try elm, perhaps (6).
25 An optical illusion? (5, 3).

DOWN

1 Judge of a well-cooked rarebit (7).
2 Succeeded as planned (9).
3 Tenants without quarters? (7).
4 Tried to make out in Michigan (7).
5 Preacher has spoken — Scrooge takes it in (9).
6 Head of house a member of the jury? True, too! (7).
7 Minor key for a Spanish prince (7).
12 It's an awful price, mate, curse it! (9).
14 Sort of trousers, you'd expect from Bath? (9).
16 Like a return ticket — for punters? (4, 3).
17 Some coltsfoot used for decorative headdress (7).
18 Façade put up in flat Norfolk area (7).
19 Study in new tins that the quartermaster issues (7).
20 Extracted virtues of German city with English church (7).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,752



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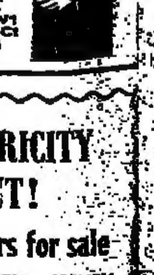

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